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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: June 4, 2014

Re: Application to Revise Rates in Tariff Schedule 98, Renewable Energy Credits
Balancing Account (Docket No. 14-035-30)
Docket No. 14-035-T05

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) direct Rocky Mountain Power (Company) to modify the tariff sheet submitted on May 27, 2014 to reflect a more generic name for the tariff.

ISSUE

On May 22, 2014 the Commission issued a bench order in Docket No. 14-035-30 approving the application and the proposed rate changes on an interim basis. On May 27, 2014 the Company filed its revised Tariff Schedule 98 as presented in the hearing with an effective date of June 1, 2014. On May 27, 2014 the Commission issued an Action Request directing the Division to investigate the proposed tariff changes and provide a response by June 11, 2014. This memo is in response to the Commission's Action Request.

DISCUSSION

The Division has reviewed the tariff sheet and finds the tariff schedule and rates are consistent with those approved in the Commission's bench order in Docket No. 14-035-30.

The Division notes that when the REC Balancing Account (RBA) was established the Company was in a position to return funds, previously collected, back to customers. Hence the Tariff Schedule name "REC Revenues Credit". The RBA has since reversed and the Company will no longer be returning funds but instead will now collect funds from customers. The current tariff name is no longer appropriate for a surcharge. The Division recommends that the Company submit an updated tariff sheet with a name that is more generic in nature and one that will not require a name change if the balance in the RBA reverses. A more appropriate name would be "REC Revenue Adjustment".

CONCLUSION

The Division recommends the Commission direct the Company to submit an updated tariff sheet with a tariff name that will be more appropriate for either a RBA credit or surcharge.

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