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Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER OF ITS
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP) FOR 2013 - DOCKET NO. 20000-424-EA-13
(RECORD NO. 13425)

LETTER ORDER
(Issued September 4, 2013)

Dear Mr. Larsen:

On January 8, 2013, citing recent actions by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requested a one-month filing extension for the 2013 Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). On April 30, 2013, the Company timely filed the 2013 IRP. On May 31, 2013, RMP filed its 2012 Wind Integration Study as a supplement to the 2013 IRP. From May 23, 2013, through August 27, 2013, notice of the IRP was placed on the Commission's open meeting agendas and on the Commission's website. The notice advised written comments were due on or before July 8, 2013; the Company's reply comments were due on or before August 7, 2013; and the IRP would be discussed during the open meeting of August 13, 2013. Beginning with the August 6, 2013, agenda, the notice advised the IRP would be discussed during the open meeting of August 29, 2013. On July 5, 2013, Powder River Basin Resource Council (PRBRC) filed comments in the matter. On July 8, 2013, Interwest Energy Alliance (Interwest) and Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers (WIEC) filed comments in the matter. On August 1, 2013, Shoshone Irrigation District and the Renewable Energy Coalition (SID/REC) filed comments. On August 7, 2013, the Company filed reply comments. On August 26, 2013, RMP filed a *Petition for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order (Petition)* for Volume III of the 2013 IRP.

At the Commission's open meeting of August 29, 2013, David Mosier, Wyoming Regulatory Manager; Rick Link, Director of Structuring and Pricing; Stacy Kusters, Director of Origination; Chad Teply, Vice President, Resource Development; and Brian Fritz, Director of Transmission Development, appeared for the Company. Robert Pomeroy, counsel for WIEC, appeared in person. Shannon Anderson appeared via telephone on behalf of PRBRC. Link and Teply provided an overview of the Company's IRP process, noting the key findings of the Company's 2013 IRP. Pomeroy commented on behalf of WIEC and Anderson commented on behalf of PRBRC. Commission staff recommended accepting the IRP for filing and granting the *Petition*.

Commission Rule § 253, states:

Any utility serving in Wyoming required to file an integrated resource plan (IRP) in any jurisdiction, shall file that IRP with the Wyoming Public Service Commission. The Commission may require any utility serving in Wyoming to prepare and file an IRP when the Commission determines it is in the public interest. Commission advisory staff shall review the IRP as directed by the Commission and report its findings to the Commission in open meeting. The review may be conducted in accordance with guidelines set from time to time as conditions warrant.

Consistent with Rule § 253, the Commission directs that the referenced IRP be placed in the Commission's files with no further action being taken and the above-referenced matter should be closed.

The placement of the IRP in the Commission's files shall not be construed as prior Commission approval of the IRP or any of the representations, forecasts, or conclusions contained therein for any purpose, including, without limitation, ratemaking. Further, the placement of the IRP in the Commission's files shall not be construed as an acknowledgment of the IRP as fulfilling the documentation requirement of Commission Rule § 249(g) which states, in part:

(g) As part of all pass-on filings under this rule, including all balancing account applications under Section 250, the public utility shall provide supporting documentation that the gas, electric or water commodity costs included in the pass on application are the most reasonable option practically available to the public utility for safe, adequate and reliable service to retail customers, including, but not limited to:

(i) Documentation demonstrating the efforts taken by the public utility to serve its customers result in the most reasonable rate available consistent with safe, adequate and reliable service. A public utility may file integrated resource plans or commodity acquisition plans for Commission review and such plans, after acknowledgment by the Commission, shall comply with this requirement.

Should RMP choose to rely on the IRP to meet the documentation requirements of Rule § 249(g), the IRP or relevant portions of it should be attached to any pass-on or commodity balancing

account filing, wherein the information will be subject to review by the Commission and any interested parties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to open meeting action taken on August 29, 2013, Rocky Mountain Power's 2013 Integrated Resource Plan is hereby placed in the Commission's files. No further action will be taken and this matter is closed.

2. Rocky Mountain Power's *Petition for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order* is granted.

3. This *Letter Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on September 4, 2013.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

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