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MEMORANDUM

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
Artie Powell, Manager, Energy Section
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Subject: Request for Extension of Time in the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's
2015 Integrated Resource Plan, Docket No. 15-035-04.

Date: April 13, 2016

REQUEST

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) requests that the Commission extend the date to file comments to June 29, 2016 in the above-referenced docket.

EXPLANATION

On April 7, 2015, Rocky Mountain Power (Company), filed a Request for Waiver of a requirement to include its Business Plan as a sensitivity case in subsequent Integrated Resource Plans (IRPs). The Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission), in its January 2, 2014 Order (Order) in Docket No. 13-2035-01, directed the Company to file such analysis. According to the Order, the Company could file a motion within 90 days if it had substantive objections to

the requirement,¹ and the Request for Waiver was filed exactly 90 days after the Commission's January 8, 2016 Order.

The Request for Waiver seeks a waiver of the Business Plan sensitivity case in all future IRPs, and the Division believes this request warrants thorough analysis and review. The Division intends to file comments on the Request for Waiver and is currently conducting research on this topic in past IRPs, Commission guidelines, and parties' comments.

Inasmuch as comments on the Company's 2015 IRP Update are due on June 29, 2016, and reply comments are due on August 8, 2016 in the same referenced docket (Docket No. 15-035-04), the Division requests that the comments on the Request for Waiver be extended to the same 2015 IRP comment dates. Therefore, the Division requests that the Commission extend the comment date on the Request for Waiver to June 29, 2016, with reply comments due on or before August 8, 2016.

cc:

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¹ Report and Order, Docket No. 15-035-04, January 8, 2016, p. 31.