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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Division of Public Utilities
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Date: September 4, 2015

Re: Docket No. 15-035-64 - RMP 2015 NET METERING REPORT FOR UTAH. In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report and Attachment A for the Period April 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015.

RECOMMENDATION (ACKNOWLEDGE)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or Company) Net Metering Report for the annualized billing period ending March 31, 2014, and finds that it meets the Public Service Commission's (Commission) reporting requirements. The Division finds no outstanding issues at this time and recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company's report.

ISSUE

On July 1, 2015, Rocky Mountain Power ("Company") filed with the Commission its 2015 Net Metering Report for Utah. On July 1, 2015, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting a review for compliance of the filing and to make recommendations. The Commission asked the Division to report back by July 31, 2015.

Upon initial review of the filing, the Division determined that additional information would be required from the Company. Therefore, the Division requested that the Commission extend the due date of the Division's response to the Action Request to August 21, 2015. The Commission granted the Division's request. On August 6, 2015 the Commission extended the comment period to September 8, 2015 with reply comments due on September 23, 2015.

DISCUSSION

In its Order dated November 30, 2010 in Docket Nos. 10-035-58, 08-035-T04, and 08-035-78, the Commission ordered,

The reporting requirements contained in R746-312[-16] replaces the Company's net metering reporting requirements in Docket Nos. 08-035-T04 and 08-035-78 with the following exceptions and clarifications:

- a) All net metering interconnections must be noted in the annual report filed pursuant to the Rule;
- b) The information required by R746-312-16(2)(a) is the same cumulative information as provided in Attachment A of the Company's 2010 Report with the addition of the zip code, year of installation, and notation if the interconnection is a net metered resource;
- c) The Company's annual report filed pursuant to the Rule should provide all of the data required by the Rule through the end of the annualized billing period of the year the report is being submitted unless otherwise approved; and
- d) The Company is required to report information on the amount of net metering installed capacity relative to its net metering cap and any [unforeseen] problems or barriers in the tariff in its annual report filed pursuant to the Rule.

The reporting requirements contained in R746-312-16, Public Utility Maps, Records and Reports, states,

- (1) Each public utility shall maintain current records of interconnection customer generating facilities showing size, location, generator type, and date of interconnection authorization.
- (2) By July 1 of each year, the public utility shall submit to the commission an annual report with the following summary information for the previous calendar year:
 - (a) the total number of generating facilities approved and their associated attributes including resource type, generating capacity, and zip code of generating facility location,

- (b) the total rated generating capacity of generating facilities by resource type.
- (c) for net metering interconnections, the total net excess generation kilowatt-hours received from interconnection customers by month.
- (d) for net metering interconnections, the total amount of excess generation credits in kilowatt hours, and their associated dollar value, which have expired at the end of each annualized billing period.

The Division notes that for the reporting period, there were 1,641 new net metering facilities, a 101% increase over new facilities as of March 31, 2014. This equates to a 41% increase in total facilities year over year. Of these new installations, 1,633, or 99% were solar projects. The enrolled capacity increased 104% from the previous year reported enrolled capacity of 16,210 kW to 32,994 kW as of March 31, 2015. On the current Customer Generation Report the net metering capacity for solar as of March 31, 2015 is 15,854 kW, on the previous year's report the total net metering capacity for solar was 9,583 kW. The majority of the variance is due to residential roof top solar projects.

The "Excess Energy Value" from 2011 to present has been \$.0401, \$.0403, \$.0442, \$.0402 and \$.0346 respectively used to calculate the value of expired credits. The Division agrees with the request from the Office of Consumer Services to include the calculation of this rate in future report filings. The current report lists 991 customers with 1,010,210 kWh of expired credits equating to \$34,953 of lost credits. The current enrolled capacity represents only 3.57% of the program cap of 923,000 kW. The Company reports no unforeseen problems or barriers at this time.

CONCLUSION

The Division believes the Company's Net Metering Report meets the Commission's reporting requirements and therefore, recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company's Net Metering Report.

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