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## Carrying Charge Process Proposal

TO: Public Service Commission

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DOCKET: **Docket No. 15-035-69.** In the Matter of a Request for Agency Action to Review the Carrying Charges Applied to Various Rocky Mountain Power Account Balances

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### RECOMMENDATION (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Commission approve the process proposed below for implementing the Rocky Mountain Power (Company) carrying charge interest rate updates.

### DISCUSSION

In its Order dated January 20, 2016 in Docket No. 15-035-69, the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) "[directed] the Division to collaboratively develop and file a proposal

identifying this process within 90 days after the date of this order."<sup>1</sup> The process is "for implementing the annual carrying charge interest rate updates."<sup>2</sup> On January 25, 2016 the Division contacted all of the parties in this docket via e-mail with a proposed process. The proposal was identical to the one below except that the Division initially proposed that implementation of the carrying charge update for this first year be delayed one month to April 1. The Division proposed this one month delay because it thought that the Company may require some additional time to set up its programs. However, the Company indicated verbally, and subsequently confirmed in an e-mail, that it could readily meet the Commission's Order of a March 1 update. The Division has received no comments from other parties. The Company's e-mail confirming its intent to comply this year with the March 1 deadline and its general agreement otherwise with the Division's proposal was sent on February 8, 2016. It appears that the other parties in the docket were copied in the e-mail.

### **PROCESS PROPOSAL**

- Each February 1 the Company will file its calculation of the updated carrying charge rate along with any tariff sheets that require updating.
- The Division will review and confirm, or dispute, to the Commission the Company's calculations and revised tariff sheets by February 10.
- Shortly after the Company's filing the Commission may solicit comments from interested parties by February 15.
- If there is no dispute regarding the updated carrying charge, the Commission will approve the updated carrying charge and tariff sheets with an effective date of March 1.
- If there is an unresolved dispute among the parties after February 20, the Division will seek a scheduling conference with Commission to resolve the dispute.

### **CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION**

Based upon the Company's general agreement with the Division's proposal, and the fact that the Division has received no comments from other parties, the Division recommends that the

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<sup>1</sup> Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah in Docket No. 15-035-69, January 20, 2016, page 17.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.

Commission approve the process proposed for implementing the Rocky Mountain Power carrying charge interest rate updates.

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