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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

<p>In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of the Purchase and Transfer Agreement and the Power Supply Agreement with Navajo Tribal Utility Authority (NTUA) and Amendment of Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. 15-035-84</p> <p>DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES’ RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTE NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY, LLC’S REQUEST FOR PUBLIC WITNESS DAY ON OR NEAR THE AREAS AFFECTED BY APPLICATION</p>
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Pursuant to the Public Service Commission of Utah’s (Commission) rule r746-100-4, the Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) hereby files its Response in support of Resolute Natural Resources Company’s, LLC (Resolute) Request for Public Witness Day On or Near the Areas Affected by Application (Request).

On February 11, 2016, Resolute filed its Request “[p]ursuant to the Scheduling Order issued in this matter January 12, 2016 and an inquiry of the Commission hearing officer at the Technical Conference held February 9, 2016.”¹ As support for its Request,

¹ Request at p. 1.

Resolute puts forth two Chapter Resolutions which Resolute claims show “serious dissent and concern among the people who would be affected if the Commission grants the Application.”² Additionally Resolute suggests “given the distance, difficulty, and cost of travel, it would be much simpler for the Commission to travel”³ to hold a Public Witness Day in the area affected by the Rocky Mountain Power’s application.

The Division supports Resolute’s Request. Holding a Public Witness Hearing on or near the affected area would be in the public interest because it should facilitate public participation and assist the Commission in having a full and fair record upon which to make its decision. While it is not common to do so, in the past the Commission has held Public Witness Hearings outside of Salt Lake County. For example, the Commission has held Public Witness Hearings in Beaver⁴ and Vernal, Utah.⁵ The Division believes that it is appropriate for the Commission to hold a Public Witness Hearing near the affected area in this case.

RESPECTFULLY submitted this 25th day of February 2016.

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² Request pp. 1-2.

³ Request p. 2.

⁴ See, e.g., Reporter’s Transcript, Application to Remove GSS and EAC and Implement CET Rates from Questar Gas Company’s Tariff, Docket No. 06-057-T04 (Public Witness Hearing held in Beaver, Utah on February 15, 2007 in addition to Public Witness Hearing held in Salt Lake City, Utah on February 8, 2007).

⁵ See also, In the Matter of the Application of Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc., and UBET Telecom, Inc., for an Order of the Commission Approving the Combination, Merger and Consolidation of UBET Telecom, Inc. and Uintah Basin Telecommunications Association, Inc., Docket No. 04-053-03 (Public Hearing held in Vernal, Utah on February 3, 2004).

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES' RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF RESOLUTE NATURAL RESOURCES COMPANY, LLC'S REQUEST FOR PUBLIC WITNESS DAY ON OR NEAR THE AREAS AFFECTED BY APPLICATION was emailed on the 25th day of February 2016 to the following:

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