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## ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: April 6, 2015

Re: **RMP Advice No. 15-04, Rocky Mountain Power's proposed modifications to Schedule 105 – Irrigation Load Control Program**

Docket No. 15-035-T03

## RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve Rocky Mountain Power's (Company) proposed changes to the Irrigation Load Control Program.

## ISSUE

On March 23, 2015, the Company filed modified tariff pages to Utah Tariff Schedule 105, Irrigation Load Control Program. On March 24, 2015, the Commission issued an Action Request for the Division to investigate the proposed changes to Schedule 105 and report its findings and recommendation to the Commission by April 7, 2015. Subsequently the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period giving interested parties until April 7, 2015 to provide comments with reply comments due April 14, 2015. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Company is proposing changes to Schedule 105, Irrigation Load Control Program. The Company proposes changing the beginning of the dispatch period of the Irrigation Load Control Program from June 15 to June 1. In addition, the Company is correcting a web link.

Some irrigators have expressed a concern that the dispatch period is not capturing the irrigation season and therefore is limiting incentives. The proposed change to the dispatch period is intended to increase the amount of load available to curtail during peak days and subsequently remove a perceived barrier to participation. It will also allow the Company to dispatch the program if needed in the June 1 through June 15 period.

Included in the filing is a correction to Tariff sheet 105-2 correcting the web link to the Irrigation Load Control web page. In our review, the Division noted that the incorrect web link is also on Tariff Sheet 105-1 but was not included in the Company's changes.

The Company provided an overview of the change to the dispatch period in the DSM Steering Committee on March 5, 2015. On March 12, 2015, a draft filing of the proposed change to the dispatch period was provided to the DSM Steering Committee. The change to the web link is housekeeping in nature and was added when the Company filed on March 23, 2015.

## **CONCLUSION**

The Division has reviewed the proposed changes and recommends that the Commission approve the Company's modifications to Electric Service Schedule 105.

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