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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: December 21, 2015

Re: **RMP Advice No. 15-16, Proposed changes to Schedule 117 – Residential Refrigerator Recycling Program**

Docket No. 15-035-T17

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or Company) request to suspend the Residential Refrigerator Recycling Program as of January 4, 2016.

ISSUE

On December 4, 2015, the Company filed modified tariff pages to Utah Tariff Schedule 117 Residential Refrigerator Recycling Program requesting to suspend the program beginning January 4, 2016. On December 4, 2015, the Commission issued an Action Request for the Division to investigate the proposed changes to Schedule 117 and report its findings and recommendation to the Commission by December 21, 2015. Also on December 4, 2015, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period allowing interested parties until

December 21, 2015 to provide comments with reply comments due December 28, 2015. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

DISCUSSION

The Company is proposing to suspend the Residential Refrigerator Recycling Program also known as "See ya later refrigerator" (SYLR) currently administered through Schedule No. 117. On November 18, 2015, JACO Environmental (JACO) the vendor for Rocky Mountain Power's SYLR program was put into receivership in the state of Washington. The Company was notified on November 23, 2015 that JACO was going out of business and would no longer be able to fulfill its obligations to the program. On November 24, 2015 the Company issued a press release notifying customers of the problem and assuring customers who have had refrigerators picked up that the Company would insure incentives were honored. The Company is currently working with JACO to identify all customers affected by the closure and will know more by the first of the year.

The Company is proposing to suspend the program until it has time to evaluate options to make the program viable and then lift the suspension or cancel the program. The Division anticipates that a resolution to the issues can be completed by April 1, 2016 and therefore recommends that the Commission set April 1, 2016 as the deadline for the Company to file for revision of the program or to cancel the SYLR program. At that time the Division's expectations are that the Company will be able to provide the Commission with additional detail regarding the closure of JACO and what effects it had on customers and the DSM program.

CONCLUSION

The Division concludes that the proposed suspension of the SYLR is needed in order to give the Company time to reevaluate the program. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission approve the Company's proposed suspension of Electric Service Schedule 117 and require the Company to file by April 1, 2016 to either revise the program or to cancel it.

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