

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's
Proposed Revisions to Electric Service
Schedule No. 117, Residential Refrigerator
Recycling Program

DOCKET NO. 15-035-T17
ORDER APPROVING SUSPENSION
OF SCHEDULE NO. 117

ISSUED: December 23, 2015

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 4, 2015, PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power (PacifiCorp), filed Advice No. 15-16 (Filing) proposing to suspend Electric Service Schedule No. 117 – Residential Refrigerator Recycling Program (Schedule 117) effective January 4, 2016. On December 4, 2015, the Commission issued an action request to the Division of Public Utilities (Division) to investigate the proposed changes to Schedule 117 and report its findings and recommendation to the Commission by December 21, 2015. The Commission also issued a notice of filing and comment period on December 4, 2015, requesting comments on or before December 21, 2015, and reply comments on or before December 28, 2015. On December 21, 2015, the Division and the Utah Office of Consumer Services (Office) filed comments recommending Commission approval of PacifiCorp's Filing.

DISCUSSION

PacifiCorp's Filing requests approval to suspend Schedule 117 effective January 4, 2016. PacifiCorp explains that its request was precipitated by a third party's notice of intent to cease performing refrigerator recycling, which is offered under Schedule 117. Accordingly, PacifiCorp seeks to suspend Schedule 117 while it evaluates options to make refrigerator recycling available again to customers.

The Division recommends the Commission approve PacifiCorp's Filing and order it to file, by April 1, 2016, a request to either revise or cancel Schedule 117. The Division notes that the third party previously providing refrigerator recycling for PacifiCorp went into receivership on November 18, 2015. On November 24, 2015, PacifiCorp issued a press release notifying customers of the issue and assuring those customers who utilized the third party's refrigerator recycling services that PacifiCorp would insure refrigerator recycling incentives were honored. The Division anticipates that a resolution to the issues can be completed by April 1, 2016 and, therefore, recommends the Commission set a April 1, 2016 deadline for PacifiCorp to file to revise or cancel Schedule 117.

The Office recommends the Commission approve PacifiCorp's Filing. The Office expresses that PacifiCorp cannot fulfill the obligations under Schedule 117 without a qualified vendor that is not immediately available.

FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on our review of the Filing and the comments filed in this docket, we find that suspending Schedule 117 is just, reasonable, and in the public interest. We also find that ordering PacifiCorp to either revise or cancel Schedule 117 by April 1, 2016 is reasonable.

ORDER

Pursuant to the foregoing discussion, findings and conclusions, we order:

1. PacifiCorp's request to suspend Schedule 117, Residential Refrigerator Recycling Program is approved.

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2. PacifiCorp shall file with the Commission, no later than April 1, 2016, a request to either revise or cancel Schedule 117.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, this 23rd day of December, 2015.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif
Presiding Officer

Approved and Confirmed this 23rd day of December, 2015, as the Order of the Public Service Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
DW#271152

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Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this written order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the Commission within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the Commission fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the Commission's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on the 23rd day of December, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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