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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

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Date: July 14, 2016

Subject: Action Request Response in Docket 16-031-T02, Mt Wheeler Power, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) acknowledge the changes to the Mt. Wheeler Power Inc. (Mt. Wheeler) tariff with an effective date of August 1, 2016. The proposed changes will affect the Large General Service – Net Metering (LGS-NM) and the Net Metering Service (NM) tariff schedules.

BACKGROUND

On June 22, 2016, Mt. Wheeler sent a request that the Commission consider and approve these proposed tariff changes. On July 5, 2016, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division directing it to perform an investigation into these proposed tariff changes. This is the Division's response to that Action Request. The Mt. Wheeler board met for the second reading and approved both of these changes on July 12, 2016.

ISSUE

Mt. Wheeler is proposing to add 10% to its Excess Energy Credit where Mt. Wheeler will now pay \$0.033 per Kwh for all excess generated energy instead of the current rate of \$0.03. This figure is the same for both the LGS-NM and NM tariffs. No other changes to Mt. Wheeler's tariff have been proposed. This change is an increase in the credit that net metered customers will receive.

DISCUSSION

The Division has reviewed Mt Wheeler's filing and the attached tariff sheets and has spoken with a Mt. Wheeler representative. According to Utah Code (54-3-3) and Commission Rule (R 746-405-2-E.2) the effective date of tariff changes should be no sooner than 30 days after the date that a notice is filed with the Commission and customers are informed. Since the Commission was notified on June 22, 2016 and the members/customers of Mt. Wheeler were notified on or around June 8, 2016 and the rates are scheduled to take effect on August 1, 2016, the requirements were met. Currently there are no Mt. Wheeler customers in Utah on either of these rate schedules.

CONCLUSION

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the changes to Mt. Wheeler's Tariff with an effective date of August 1, 2016 and make them available for public inspection.

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