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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

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Date: September 14, 2016

Subject: Amended Action Request Response in Docket 16-031-T04, 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 October 1, 2016. The proposed changes will affect the Outdoor Lighting Service LED tariff schedule.

BACKGROUND

On August 10, 2016, Mt. Wheeler sent a request that the Commission consider and approve these proposed tariff changes. On August 15, 2016, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division directing it to perform an investigation. On August 16, 2016, the Commission issued an Amended Action Request changing the due date from August 30, 2016 to September 20, 2016. This is the Division's response to that Action Request.

ISSUE

Mt. Wheeler is proposing to phase out Rate Code OLS when lighting failure occurs or new service is requested and replace it with Rate Code OLD-LED. No other changes to Mt. Wheeler's tariff have been proposed. This change represents a phase out of the mercury vapor lamps which will be replaced with LED lamps. It also increases the service blocks and the rates. The blocks changed from 90W and 150W, to 48W and 73W respectively. The rates for the first block (old 90W and new 48W) increased from \$8.32 to \$9.72 for Existing Poles; from \$10.92 to \$12.32 for New Wood Poles and the rate for URD (Underground) Service increased from \$20.00 to \$21.50. The rates for the second block (the old 150W and the new 73W) did not change.

DISCUSSION

The Mt. Wheeler board met and gave final approval of the new rate on September 13, 2016. The Division 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 members/customers of Mt. Wheeler were notified on or around July 8, 2016 and the Commission was notified on August 10, 2016 and the rates are scheduled to take effect on October 1, 2016, the Code and Rule requirements were met.

CONCLUSION

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

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