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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
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Artie Powell, Manager
Bob Davis, Utility Analyst

Date: July 29, 2016

Re: Docket No. 16-035-28 –In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power’s Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report and Attachment A for the Period April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION (ACKNOWLEDGE)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) has reviewed Rocky Mountain Power’s (Company) Net Metering Report for the annualized billing period ending March 31, 2016, and finds that it meets the Public Service Commission’s (Commission) reporting requirements. The Division finds no outstanding issues at this time and recommends that the Commission acknowledge the Company’s report.

ISSUE

On June 29, 2016, Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”) filed with the Commission its 2016 Net Metering Report for Utah. On June 30, 2016, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting an investigation and a statement regarding the Company’s compliance with additional reporting requirements stemming from the Commission’s order on September 24,

2015 in Docket No. 15-035-64. The Commission asked the Division to report back by July 29, 2016.

DISCUSSION

In its Order dated November 30, 2010 in Docket Nos. 10-035-58, 08-035-T04, and 08-035-78, the Commission ordered,

The reporting requirements contained in R746-312-16 (Rule) replaces the Company's net metering reporting requirements in Docket Nos. 08-035-T04 and 08-035-78 with the following exceptions and clarifications:

- a) All net metering interconnections must be noted in the annual report filed pursuant to the Rule;
- b) The information required by R746-312-16(2)(a) is the same cumulative information as provided in Attachment A of the Company's 2010 Report with the addition of the zip code, year of installation, and notation if the interconnection is a net metered resource;
- c) The Company's annual report filed pursuant to the Rule should provide all of the data required by the Rule through the end of the annualized billing period of the year the report is being submitted unless otherwise approved; and
- d) The Company is required to report information on the amount of net metering installed capacity relative to its net metering cap and any [unforeseen] problems or barriers in the tariff in its annual report filed pursuant to the Rule.

The reporting requirements contained in R746-312-16, Public Utility Maps, Records and Reports, states,

- (1) Each public utility shall maintain current records of interconnection customer generating facilities showing size, location, generator type, and date of interconnection authorization.
- (2) By July 1 of each year, the public utility shall submit to the commission an annual report with the following summary information for the previous calendar year:
 - (a) the total number of generating facilities approved and their associated attributes including resource type, generating capacity, and zip code of generating facility location,
 - (b) the total rated generating capacity of generating facilities by resource type.

- (c) for net metering interconnections, the total net excess generation kilowatt-hours received from interconnection customers by month.
- (d) for net metering interconnections, the total amount of excess generation credits in kilowatt hours, and their associated dollar value, which have expired at the end of each annualized billing period.

The Commission's September 24, 2015 Order for Docket No. 15-035-64, ordered that future customer-owned generation and net metering reports shall provide:

- (1) An explanation of the calculation of the price attributed to expired net excess generation credits.
- (2) A column indicating the rate schedule under which each customer is taking service, or alternatively, the revenue class of each customer.¹

There were 4,142 new net metering facilities added for the reporting period April 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016 compared to 1,641 new facilities reported during the same period of the prior year representing a 152% increase. Of these new installations, 4,140 were solar projects.

As of March 31, 2016, the enrolled capacity of 66,798 kW more than doubled from the previous year's reported enrolled capacity of 32,994 kW (adjusted to 31,882 kW in the current report). The current Customer Generation Report sets the net metering capacity for solar as of March 31, 2016 at 31,411 kW. The Company reported 15,854 kW last year and 9,583 kW in the 2013/2014 report. Solar represents the majority of the net metering generation type and is nearly doubling each reporting period after true-ups.

The "Excess Energy Value" from 2011 to present has been \$.0401, \$.0403, \$.0442, \$.0402, \$.0346 and \$.0303, respectively, which is used to calculate the value of expired credits. The Division agreed with the request from the Office of Consumer Services in the last net metering report docket² to include the calculation of this rate in future report filings. The Division issued a data request to which the Company responded by providing an explanation for the current \$.0303 calculation. The current report lists 2,377 customers with 1,315,199 kWh of expired credits

¹ See Docket No. 15-035-64, Commission's Order, September 24, 2015, at p. 5.

² Id. at p. 2.

equating to \$39,851 of lost credits. Compared to last year's report of 991 customers, 1,010,210 kWh and \$34,953 in lost credits. Expired credits continue to increase year over year.

The current enrolled capacity of 66,798 kW represents 7.24% of the 923,000 kW program cap. The Company reports no unforeseen problems or barriers at this time.

CONCLUSION

The Division believes the Company's Net Metering Report meets the Commission's reporting requirements including the additional reporting requirements established by the Commission for Docket No. 15-035-64. Therefore, the Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the Company's Net Metering Report.

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