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Utah Public Service Commission
Heber M. Wells Building, 4th Floor
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Attention: Gary Widerburg
Commission Administrator

RE: Docket No. 16-035-36
In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Implement
Programs Authorized by the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act
Comments

In accordance with the Public Service Commission of Utah's request for comments issued May 6, 2020 in the above referenced proceeding, Rocky Mountain Power hereby submits its comments regarding the extension of the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan pilot program under Utah Code Annotated § 54-20-106.

Informal questions may be directed to Jana Saba at (801) 220-2823.

Sincerely,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Implement Programs Authorized by the Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act	Docket No. 16-035-36 ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S COMMENTS
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I. INTRODUCTION

In response to the Public Service Commission of Utah's ("Commission") May 6, 2020 Request for Comments, Rocky Mountain Power ("the Company") hereby submits for filing its comments regarding extension of Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan ("STEP") pilot program.

II. BACKGROUND

In March 2016, Utah enacted the STEP Act, now codified at Utah Code Ann. ("UCA") §§ 54-7-12.8, 54-20-101, *et seq.* UCA 54-20-102(2) defined the pilot program period for a large scale electric utility as a period of five years beginning on January 1, 2017. Accordingly, the STEP pilot period of a large scale electric utility will end on December 31, 2021. The Company is the only large scale electric utility to which the STEP pilot program applies. UCA § 54-20-106, Extension of Pilot Program, requires the Commission to submit a report and recommendation to the Utah State Legislature ("Legislature") regarding whether the Legislature should, with respect to the STEP pilot program, "(1) extend the plan or a portion of the plan as a rate payer funded program;

(2) implement the plan or a portion of the plan as a state funded program; or (3) discontinue the plan or a portion of the plan.” On May 6, 2020, the Commission issued a Request for Comments regarding extension of the STEP pilot program. The Company appreciates this opportunity to provide input to the Commission.

III. ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER’S COMMENTS

Through the pilot program under STEP, the Company has commenced 18 projects and implemented them throughout Utah. Three of the projects are complete and the remaining 15 projects are targeted to be completed by the end of 2021. The Company and its partners throughout the community have gained valuable knowledge and experience in areas such as electric vehicles, clean coal technologies and other innovative and emerging technologies through these projects, that would not have been possible without the STEP pilot program and funding provided. The knowledge and experience have been shared and will continue to be shared with stakeholders through the annual STEP reports that are filed with the Commission. The Company believes the pilot program has been a valuable tool to gain applicable knowledge and practices that can be used to benefit both Rocky Mountain Power’s customers and Utah as a whole in the future. The Company believes the Commission should recommend that the Legislature allow the STEP pilot program to sunset as contemplated in Utah Code, as the pilot program has successfully met the objectives of the legislation.

DATED this 15th day of July, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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