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December 22, 2016

Mr. Bob Lively
Rocky Mountain Power
1407 West North Temple, Suite 330
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Re: In the Matter of the Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Major Event Exclusion for the Weather-Related Events that Occurred on September 22-24, 2016 – Major Event No. 43 Docket No. 16-035-44

Dear Mr. Lively:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed the November 2, 2016 filing by PacifiCorp, doing business as Rocky Mountain Power, requesting Major Event exclusion for the weather-related events occurring on September 22-24, 2016. If the request is approved, PacifiCorp indicates it will exclude outage information for these events from its network performance reporting and from customer guarantee failure payments.

The PSC also reviewed the November 21, 2016 action request response from the Division of Public Utilities (Division), detailing its investigation of these events. The Division determined the System Average Interruption Duration Index value of 34.15 minutes for these events exceeded the threshold of 6.06 minutes that defines a Major Event under the method adopted by the PSC in 2005 in Docket No. 98-2035-04.¹ The Division concludes that these events were a Major Event and should be excluded from PacifiCorp's network performance reporting and that PacifiCorp's restoration effort for these events was adequate. The Division recommends the PSC approve PacifiCorp's application for a Major Event exclusion.

Based on the PSC's review of PacifiCorp's filing and the Division's recommendation, PacifiCorp's request for a Major Event exclusion for these events is approved.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
Commission Secretary
DW#290921

¹ Also see Utah Administrative Code R746-313-8. Major Event Reporting by Electric Utilities; Docket No. 04-035-T13, In the Matter of Rule 25- Customer Guarantees, Schedule 300- Regulation Charges, Regarding Docket No. 98-2035-04; and Docket No. 13-035-01, "In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Utah Service Reliability Performance Baselines."