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In Re: RMP - Schedule No. 34 - Renewable Energy Tariff

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In the Matter of Rocky)
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No. 34, Renewable Energy) Hearing
Tariff)
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5 17, 2016, at 5:00 p.m. before Jennifer E. Garner,
6 Certified Court Reporter and Notary Public in and for
7 the State of Utah.

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3 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. Good evening. We
4 are here in Public Service Commission Docket
5 16-035-T09 in the matter of Rocky Mountain Power's
6 Proposed Electric Service Schedule Number 34
7 Renewable Energy Tariff.

8 And this is the public witness hearing.
9 So this is the opportunity for us to hear from anyone
10 from the public who has an interest in speaking.

11 I understand Ms. Murray might have a
12 sign-in sheet; is that correct?

13 MS. MURRAY: I do.

14 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: So where are we so far?

15 MS. MURRAY: We are on Number 1.

16 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. Well, why don't we
17 have that individual come forward and provide the
18 public comments if he or she would like to do so.

19 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Cyrq Energy.

20 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. So we have
21 Mr. Scott Rhees from Cyrq Energy.

22 I'll just state at the beginning that
23 typically the testimony provided in the public
24 witness hearing is unsworn testimony. If anyone
25 desires to do anything differently, if you would like

1 to be put under oath and subject to
2 cross-examination, let me know. Otherwise, we'll
3 assume that you intend to provide unsworn testimony.

4 So, Mr. Rhees, if you are in the room,
5 would you like to come forward and take a seat right
6 here.

7 MR. RHEES: I appreciate the opportunity
8 to comment. My comments will be brief and will not
9 take up much of your time.

10 I'm with Cyrq Energy. I'm the vice
11 president of transmission and utility relations for
12 Cyrq Energy. We're a geothermal development company
13 with projects in Utah and also located in several
14 other western states.

15 And as I've looked -- as we've looked at
16 Schedule 32 (sic), we believe that certainly the
17 changes that have been made through the red-line
18 process and through this settlement process have
19 improved this schedule greatly. We support these
20 changes.

21 And, you know, we especially support the
22 fact that there is a methodology that allows for
23 pricing and other methodologies to come into the
24 Commission for your approval that may be outside the
25 scope of 32's (sic) pricing methodology.

1 And so my comments are, we support the
2 changes and certainly would recommend that the
3 Commission, as you have deliberation on this process,
4 approve this schedule as it's written.

5 That is the end of my comments.

6 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Thank you.

7 Commissioner Clark or Commissioner White,
8 do either of you have any questions for this
9 individual?

10 COMMISSIONER CLARK: No questions. Thank
11 you for your testimony.

12 MR. RHEES: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER WHITE: Nothing either.

14 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Thank you. We appreciate
15 your testimony.

16 Do we have anyone else, Ms. Murray?

17 MS. MURRAY: No, not at this time.

18 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: No? Okay. Well, I think
19 what is probably best then is we issued our notice
20 that we would give anyone who is here by 5:30 an
21 opportunity to speak. So I think we will adjourn
22 until the sooner of us being informed that there is
23 someone else to speak or 5:30, and then we'll
24 reconvene at that time.

25 Is there anything else that any party

1 wants us to take up before we do so?

2 (No responses.)

3 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay.

4 MR. MOORE: Just one thing.

5 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Sure.

6 MR. MOORE: Just for the record, I believe
7 the public witness referred to the schedule as 32,
8 and I think he meant 34.

9 MR. RHEES: That's correct. Sorry.

10 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Thank you for that
11 clarification.

12 Okay. We are in recess until either the
13 sooner of another public witness or 5:30. Thank you.

14 (The public hearing was in recess from
15 5:04 to 5:30 p.m.)

16 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. We're back on the
17 record.

18 Ms. Murray, do we have anyone else wanting
19 to speak?

20 MS. MURRAY: We do not.

21 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. Anything further
22 from anyone before we adjourn?

23 MS. HOGLE: Yes.

24 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Ms. Hogle, yes?

25 MS. HOGLE: Thank you. I'm just -- I was

1 wondering if you guys had taken bets on what I'm
2 about to ask you.

3 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Sure.

4 MS. HOGLE: I would just like to indicate
5 that the evidence taken this morning, as well as the
6 evidence on the record, supports a finding of
7 approval for the Settlement Stipulation and Schedule
8 34, and I will also note that there was no opposition
9 and was not -- there was not any opposition filed or
10 taken, either this morning or this afternoon.

11 And for those reasons, I respectfully
12 request a bench order approving the Settlement
13 Stipulation with the attached Schedule 34. Thank
14 you.

15 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

16 Mr. Jetter, do you have any comment on the
17 motion?

18 MR. JETTER: The only comment I would have
19 is the Division supports the motion. Tomorrow may be
20 a little tricky without a bench order today.

21 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay.

22 MR. JETTER: So I think we would support a
23 bench order if that is possible.

24 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Thank you.

25 Mr. Moore?

1 MR. MOORE: We have no objections to a
2 bench order.

3 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.
4 Anything else?

5 MR. MOORE: No.

6 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Ms. Hayes?

7 MS. HAYES: I have no objections to that.

8 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Mr. Dodge?

9 MR. DODGE: We support it.

10 CHAIRMAN LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

11 And based on the lack of any opposition
12 today and what has been presented to the Commission,
13 we don't have any need to take a recess.

14 We find that the record before us and the
15 presentation of the parties today supports the
16 parties' representations that the Stipulation is in
17 the public interest. We find that it is and it is
18 just and reasonable, and we conclude that it is
19 consistent with Utah Code 54-17-806, and we approve
20 the Stipulation.

21 We will issue a written order
22 memorializing that bench ruling soon.

23 And this hearing is adjourned.

24 (The public hearing ended at 5:32 p.m.)

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STATE OF UTAH)
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COUNTY OF SALT LAKE)

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