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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

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Date: February 21, 2017

Subject: Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc. Docket No. 17-028-T01

In the Matter of Changes to Rate Schedules for Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

The Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) acknowledge Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Garkane)'s addition of new schedule number GS125-1 (Communications Site/Mormon Mountain) to its tariff Schedules, and make it available for public inspection.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

Garkane installed a new line extension to the communications site located at Mormon Mountain and negotiated a monthly facilities charge of \$386.75 with the customer. The facilities charge is based on the cost of the line extension amortized over fifteen years.

The new schedule GS125-1 is identical to the existing schedule GS125 with the addition of the monthly facilities charge.

Garkane's members were originally notified via letter of the new schedule in advance of the public hearing on January 30, 2017 where members/customers were invited to comment on the proposed addition. No comments were proffered at the hearing.

Garkane's board approved the proposed schedule during the public hearing with an effective date of March 1, 2017. Garkane filed notification of the addition of this schedule with the Commission on January 31, 2017. The Commission issued an Action Request to the Division to investigate this notification on February 6, 2017. This is the Division's response to that Action Request.

The Division has reviewed Garkane's filing and has spoken with a Garkane representative. The schedule currently applies to one customer.

CONCLUSION

The Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge Garkane's addition of the new Schedule GS125-1 (Communications Site/Mormon Mountain) to its tariff Schedules with an effective date of March 1, 2017, and make it available for public inspection.

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