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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission

From: Division of Public Utilities
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Date: December 6, 2017

Subject: Action Request Response in Docket 17-031-T01, Mt Wheeler Power, Inc.

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) acknowledge the changes to the Mt. Wheeler Power Inc. (Mt. Wheeler) tariff with an effective date of January 1, 2018. The proposed changes will affect Rule 9 Line Extensions.

BACKGROUND

On November 9, 2017, Mt. Wheeler sent a request that the Commission consider and approve these proposed changes. On November 14, 2017, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division directing it to perform an investigation. This is the Division's response to that Action Request. The Mt. Wheeler Board of Directors met on September 12, 2017, and October 10, 2017, and approved these changes.

ISSUE

Mt. Wheeler's changes in Rule 9 will eliminate some rather confusing language regarding how closing cost is calculated, update language on conversion costs, provide that interest may not be earned with the contribution in aid of construction, and clarify language regarding single and three phase upgrades. No other changes to Mt. Wheeler's tariff have been adopted.

DISCUSSION

The Division has reviewed Mt Wheeler's filing with the attached rule sheets. According to Utah Code (54-3-3) and Commission Rule (R 746-405-2-E.2) the effective date of tariff changes may be no sooner than 30 days after the date that a notice is filed with the Commission and customers are informed. Since the Commission was notified on November 9, 2017 and the members/customers of Mt. Wheeler were notified on or around September 12, to October 10, 2017 and the rates are scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2018, the requirements are met.

CONCLUSION

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the changes to Mt. Wheeler's Tariff with an effective date of January 1, 2018 and make them available for public inspection.

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