

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	DOCKET NO. 17-035-01
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MOUNTAIN POWER TO INCREASE)	Testimony and Exhibits
THE DEFERRED EBA RATE)	Philip DiDomenico
THROUGH THE ENERGY)	and
BALANCING ACCOUNT)	Dan F. Koehler
MECHANISM.)	

**FOR THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC UTILITIES
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
STATE OF UTAH**

Rebuttal Testimony of

**Philip DiDomenico
and
Dan F. Koehler**

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1 **I. Introduction**

2 **Q: Please state your name, business address and title.**

3 A: My name is Philip DiDomenico. I am employed by Daymark Energy Advisors, Inc
4 (“Daymark”) as a Managing Consultant. My business address is 370 Main Street, Suite
5 325, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01608.

6 My name is Dan F. Koehler. I am employed by Daymark as a Consultant. My business
7 address is 370 Main Street, Suite 325, Worcester, Massachusetts, 01608.

8 **Q: On whose behalf are you testifying?**

9 A: We are jointly testifying on behalf of the Division of Public Utilities of the State of Utah
10 (the “Division”).

11 **Q: Have you previously filed testimony in this proceeding?**

12 A: Our direct testimony in this proceeding was filed on November 15, 2017.

13 **Q: What is the purpose of your rebuttal testimony?**

14 A: The purpose of our rebuttal testimony is to respond to the response testimony of
15 PacifiCorp d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power (“RMP” or “the Company”) witnesses Dana M.
16 Ralston and Michael Wilding. We respond to certain issues raised by those witnesses,
17 but a lack of response to any particular issue raised by Company witnesses or other
18 parties should not be construed as agreement on that issue.

19 **II. Ralston Response Testimony**

20 **Q: To what issues raised in Mr. Ralston’s response testimony do you wish to respond?**

21 A: In our direct testimony, we recommended that two specific adjustments be made to the
22 Company’s requested Utah-allocated EBA deferral amount. We found that the loss of the
23 Joy longwall at Jim Bridger mine was a result of imprudent management of the Bridger

24 Mine. We recommended that the \$12.5 million Joy longwall abandonment expense and
25 \$7.6 million in recovery cost be removed from Company-wide actual net power costs
26 (“NPC”), resulting in a reduction of the requested EBA deferral amount by \$8,420,710.
27 We also recommended that \$517,618 in net replacement power costs related to 14
28 imprudent outages be removed from Company-wide actual NPC, resulting in a reduction
29 of the EBA deferral amount by \$210,486. Mr. Ralston’s response testimony disputes that
30 the Company acted imprudently in any of these instances, and asserts that no adjustment
31 to EBA amounts is necessary.

32 *Joy Longwall*

33 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Ralston’s testimony on the Joy longwall?**

34 A: Mr. Ralston’s testimony states the majority of the items discussed in the “Methods to
35 Prevent a Reoccurrence” section of the Root Cause Analysis (“RCA”) report emphasize a
36 need to improve existing practices and/or procedures as opposed to an absence of
37 procedures. We fundamentally disagree and repeat for the record the specific
38 recommendations from the RCA report.

- 39 1. [REDACTED]
- 40 [REDACTED]
- 41 2. [REDACTED]
- 42 [REDACTED]
- 43 [REDACTED]
- 44 [REDACTED]

45 3. [REDACTED]

46 [REDACTED]

47 [REDACTED]

48 4. [REDACTED]

49 [REDACTED]

50 [REDACTED]

51 [REDACTED]

52 [REDACTED]

53 [REDACTED]

54 5. [REDACTED]

55 [REDACTED]

56 [REDACTED]

57 6. [REDACTED]

58 [REDACTED]

59 [REDACTED]

60 7. [REDACTED]

61 [REDACTED]

62 [REDACTED]

63 8. [REDACTED]

64 [REDACTED]¹

¹ Confidential Attachment DPU 15.7, Joy Longwall 14th Right Investigation – FINAL Report of Investigation (October 13,201).

65 **Q: How do you interpret these “Methods to Prevent a Reoccurrence”?**

66 **A:** In our view this is not a list of recommendations for improvement. This is a list of major
67 deficiencies and lack of control.

68 **Q: Do any of the further details on these eight items provided in Mr. Ralston’s**
69 **testimony change your interpretation?**

70 **A:** No. Many of the details Mr. Ralston provides are simply describing measures the
71 Company has taken since the Joy longwall abandonment to address its failures, including
72 the formalization of written standards in August 2017. These steps are necessary and
73 important, but they have no bearing on the imprudent management and operation of the
74 Joy longwall that led to its loss.

75 **Q: Why do you believe the Company was imprudent in its Management and Operation**
76 **of the Joy longwall?**

77 **A:** The concepts of written standards, site-specific training, regular communications, formal
78 documentation and the availability of critical spare parts are by no means unique to the
79 coal mining industry. They are fundamental in any operational environment. The fact that
80 these fundamentals were not already sufficiently in place was likely a major contributor
81 to the events that ultimately led to the Joy longwall abandonment. Further, as Mr. Ralston
82 states in his testimony the Company was well aware of the challenging geological
83 conditions present at this mine. This foreknowledge combined with the operational and
84 managerial deficiencies identified in their own RCA leads us to a finding of imprudence.

85 **Q: Does the Company’s Response Testimony cause you to change your**
86 **recommendation with regard to Joy longwall costs in the EBA?**

87 A: No. We continue to recommend that EBA costs should be adjusted to remove the \$12.5
88 million Joy longwall abandonment expense and \$7.6 million in recovery cost on a
89 Company-wide basis, resulting in a reduction of the EBA deferral amount by \$8,420,710.
90 These amounts are unchanged from our original EBA audit report.

91 *Colstrip Unit 3 Outage*

92 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Ralston's testimony on the Colstrip Unit 3 outage?**

93 A: Mr. Ralston's testimony asserts that the Colstrip Unit 3 outage was the result of material
94 failure and not the absence of prudent procedures and practices. He states that any known
95 deficiencies were corrected as timely and prudently as possible. The economizer issues
96 discovered during the 2011 inspection led the operator of the Colstrip plant to develop a
97 plan to address these issues and re-inspect the area in 2014 during the next schedule
98 outage. It was also anticipated that an additional project would be needed in 2017
99 because of erosion in various areas of the economizer. The tube where the failure
100 occurred was inspected in 2014 and the tube's wall thickness was deemed acceptable. A
101 re-inspection was planned for 2017 where any tubes lacking the proper wall thickness
102 would be replaced. We maintain that there was a lack of urgency on the part of the
103 Company to address the problem area that lead to the outage. While the economizer
104 issues were identified in 2011, the Company was willing to wait until 2017 to replace any
105 faulty tubes. Additionally, if a more complete repair had occurred in 2014, this particular
106 outage could have been avoided. Nothing offered in Mr. Ralston's testimony changes our
107 position that the Company acted imprudently since the outage could have been avoided if
108 the economizer problem area was properly addressed in 2014. Furthermore, Mr. Ralston
109 contends that the Boiler Circulating Water Pump failure that extended the outage was the

110 result of equipment failure and not imprudence on the part of the Company. Overall, only
111 84 hours out of the 209 hour duration of the outage were related to the boiler tube leak,
112 and the remainder was related to the water pump failure during startup of the unit after
113 the tube leak repair was complete. We accept the Company's position that the last 125
114 hours of the outage were related to an equipment failure and not the imprudent action
115 discussed above regarding the tube leak issue. Therefore, as discussed in our response to
116 Mr. Wilding's testimony below, we recommend Company-wide replacement power costs
117 of \$1,274 associated with the first 84 hours of this outage be disallowed in the EBA.

118 *Colstrip Unit 4 Outage*

119 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Ralston's testimony on the Colstrip Unit 4 outage?**

120 A: Mr. Ralston states that the #11 bearing leak that caused the outage was the result of
121 equipment failure and not procedural failure by the Company and therefore no adjustment
122 of EBA cost should be granted. He explains that the leak occurred from a one inch valve
123 that was put in place for the oil flush where a pipe cap originally existed. The valve was
124 closed and not removed after the oil flush had been completed. Mr. Ralston argues that
125 the subsequent leak that occurred from the valve was due to the malfunction of the
126 equipment and not a procedural failure by the Company. We believe that the Company
127 has provided contradictory information regarding the cause of the #11 bearing leak. The
128 original event report attributed the leak to [REDACTED]
129 [REDACTED].² However, in subsequent data requests, the Company has claimed that the
130 leak was not caused by [REDACTED]. Mr. Ralston's

² Confidential Attachment DPU 1.6-4 "2017.10.27 U4 LO Leak."

131 testimony now explains that the cause of the leak was a one inch valve that was closed
132 and left in place after the oil flush. The Company has not provided a consistent,
133 straightforward explanation of why the original event report for the outage states that
134 [REDACTED] if that was not the case. Until the Company can satisfactorily
135 explain the inconsistencies in its event reports and demonstrate that the original event
136 report is inaccurate, we maintain that the Company acted imprudently and recommend an
137 adjustment of Company-wide EBA cost for the replacement power cost of \$27,193.

138 *Dave Johnston Unit 4 Outage*

139 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Ralston's testimony on the Dave Johnston Unit 4**
140 **outage?**

141 A: Mr. Ralston explains in his testimony that the outage was the result of equipment failure
142 and not procedural failure on the part of the Company. He states that condenser tube
143 sheet room temperature vulcanization (RTV) repair was effective from 1988 to June
144 2009, with only small RTV repairs occurring during this period. After several leaks
145 occurred in 2009, 2010, and 2014, the Company determined that a protective tube sheet
146 coating installed in 1987 had significantly deteriorated which prevented proper adhesion
147 of RTV to the tube sheet, making additional RTV repairs difficult. Before the end of
148 2014, the Company had considered and reviewed potential solutions, determining that
149 epoxy cladding the tube sheet was the most economical solution. The epoxy cladding
150 installation was slated for 2017 during a planned unit overhaul. A leak occurring in
151 March 2016 led to the epoxy cladding being installed in one side of the condenser with
152 the other side being completed during the scheduled overhaul that began in March 2017.
153 We believe that the Company acted imprudently by failing to replace the RTV sealant

154 until 2016. In the root cause analysis (RCA) for this outage, the Company explained that
155 [REDACTED].³ Because the Company
156 has acknowledged that the RTV sealant [REDACTED], the Company acted
157 imprudently by leaving in place [REDACTED] for over 25 years. A more
158 permanent solution, such as the epoxy cladding, should have been considered and
159 installed many years before, particularly when leaks began appearing in 2009 and
160 thereafter. The imprudence displayed by the Company for failing to replace the
161 temporary RTV sealant before 2016 warrants an adjustment to Company-wide EBA costs
162 in the amount of the net replacement power cost for this outage, which is \$117,201.

163 *Gadsby Units 4, 5 and 6 Outages*

164 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Ralston’s testimony on the Gadsby pipeline outages?**

165 A: Mr. Ralston’s testimony states that the Company’s response to the Gadsby gas pipeline
166 outage was prudent. The Company tested the cathodic protection of the pipeline in 2014
167 and 2015 with no indication of system issues. When the leak occurred in March 2016, the
168 pipe was found to be in very good condition along the majority of sections including
169 where the cathodic protection was connected. However, the elbows and joints where the
170 pipe had been wrapped or coated in the field after installation showed corrosion and
171 pitting. After pressure testing the pipe with nitrogen and exposing 50 percent of the pipe,
172 no definitive leak had been found. Therefore, the Company decided that the most prudent
173 action would be to replace the pipe with above ground piping due to the unknown
174 location of the leak and premature pitting found along different areas of the pipe. Nothing

³ Confidential Attachment DPU 1.6-4 “SER-DVJ4-032516-Condenser tube leak.”

175 in Mr. Ralston's testimony changes our original conclusion that the lack of appropriate
176 planned maintenance of the pipeline led to this outage. In particular, regular maintenance
177 of the cathodic protection of this pipe needed to be carried out earlier than 2014 when the
178 Company implemented such a maintenance plan. Additional evidence that the system
179 was not properly monitored or maintained was [REDACTED]

180 [REDACTED]
181 [REDACTED] The lack of proper planned maintenance constitutes imprudence leading
182 to the six separate Gadsby Unit 4-6 outages. Therefore, an adjustment to EBA cost for
183 this outage is justified. As discussed in our response to Mr. Wilding's testimony, the
184 Company-wide NPC associated with replacement power costs for these outages total
185 \$53,811.

186 *Gadsby Unit 6 Outage*

187 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Ralston's testimony on the Gadsby Unit 6 outage?**

188 A: Mr. Ralston states in his testimony that the Company prudently responded to the coil
189 failures that caused this outage by methodically testing components until it was
190 discovered that the exciter was the root cause. After the exciter was determined to be the
191 root cause, the manufacturer and installer of the exciter, NEC, was promptly engaged in
192 the repair. While the Company may have responded in an appropriate and timely manner
193 regarding the investigation of the coil failure and repair of the exciter, we believe that the
194 imbalance in the three phase resistance caused by the exciter, which led to the failure of
195 the stationary coil, was the result of imprudent action by the contractor NEC. In the RCA
196 for this outage, the Company identifies the cause of this outage as [REDACTED]

197 [REDACTED]

198 [REDACTED].⁴ Regardless of
199 whether the fault is that of the Company or the contractor, such a failure to follow
200 industry standards warrants a finding of imprudence. Therefore, we recommend an
201 adjustment of EBA costs to remove net replacement power cost associated with this
202 outage. As discussed in our response to Mr. Wilding's testimony, the Company-wide
203 NPC associated with replacement power costs for this outage is \$65,717.

204 *Hermiston Unit 1 Outages*

205 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Ralston's testimony on the Hermiston Unit 1 outages?**

206 A: Mr. Ralston states in his testimony that the outage of September 18th, 2016 was due to
207 failed equipment and not imprudent operations by the Company. He explains that the
208 operator of the plant, Hermiston Generating Company (HGC), properly enlisted experts,
209 General Electric (GE), to determining the root cause of the combustion can failure that
210 led to the outage. On August 2, 2016, Hermiston Unit 1 tripped offline because of a #11
211 failed combustion can. GE believed this failure to be caused by a lack of purge air and
212 additional investigation found that the purge air valve was shut. It was believed that the
213 shut valve was inadvertently shut by a contractor. When the unit tripped offline again on
214 September 18th, 2016 due to the same issue, investigations by GE and HGC found that
215 the purge air valve had closed again. Since no contractors were on site during the time of
216 this outage, it was determined after plant personnel interviews that high vibration from
217 the combustion turbine had caused the valve to shut close. [REDACTED]

218 [REDACTED].⁵ Based on the additional explanation provided by Mr.

⁴ Confidential Attachment DPU 20.10 "RCA GAD6-070916 Exciter Coil RCAT Report."

⁵ Confidential Response to DPU 20.11.

219 Ralston, we accept the Company's position that these outages were caused by equipment
220 failure and not by failure to follow industry practices. We recommend no adjustment to
221 EBA cost related to these two outages. However, the Company should not [REDACTED]
222 [REDACTED] as a permanent solution.

223 *Naughton Unit 2 May 2016 Outage*

224 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Ralston's testimony on the Naughton Unit 2 May 2016**
225 **outage?**

226 A: Mr. Ralston's testimony states that the outage was caused by inappropriate actions of
227 hired third parties and was not the result of imprudent actions by the Company. The
228 contractor, GE, involved with the bearing was the original manufacturer of the
229 equipment. Mr. Ralston states that the Company prudently selects qualified vendors
230 through a competitive bidding structure and by following industry standards. He explains
231 that the project manager specifically discussed bearing clearances with the contractor to
232 avoid the type of problem that eventually occurred during this outage. Because the
233 replacement of the bearings was under warranty through the contract, the repairs were
234 carried out at no cost. However, Mr. Ralston states that contracts do not typically cover
235 replacement power costs since they involve a wide array of circumstances and damages
236 that are hard to identify and quantify. Further, "the actions the Company takes when
237 procuring services is prudent, within industry practices and in the best interests of the
238 customer (Ralston Response, lines 616-618)."

239 **Q: Is it your position that the GE service contract was imprudently procured or outside**
240 **of industry practices?**

241 A: No. We have no reason to dispute the Company's claim that the GE service contract was
242 prudently procured and within industry practice.

243 **Q: Can the Company be held responsible for an imprudent outage if the outage was**
244 **caused by inappropriate action of a third-party contractor or vendor under a**
245 **prudently-procured contract?**

246 A: Yes. PacifiCorp recovers the cost of its investment in owned and jointly owned
247 generation resources, and earns a return or profit on that investment. As an owner, the
248 Company is responsible for the performance of that asset, and cannot and does not
249 absolve itself of that responsibility simply because it has delegated the operation or repair
250 of that asset to another entity. Certainly, as between the Company and its ratepayers, the
251 Company is in a much better position to influence the operation of plants where it is not
252 the operator. If the Company operated in a regulatory system without an EBA the
253 Company would not recover any of the replacement power costs related to the forced
254 outage.

255 **Q: Mr. Ralston's testimony states that your original report characterizes the**
256 **Company's involvement with third-party contractors and vendors as "casual". Is**
257 **this accurate?**

258 A: No, this statement has no basis in our report or in our position on recovering additional
259 net power costs related to third-party imprudence. The Company acknowledged that this
260 characterization is not found in our report in its response to DPU Data Request 25.5.

261 **Q: What is your recommendation with regard to the Naughton Unit 2 May 2016**
262 **outage?**

263 A: The imprudent action leading to this outage is not in dispute. The Company has not
264 provided any information to change our position that it should not be allowed to recover
265 additional costs incurred due to this imprudent outage, regardless of the third-party
266 culpability. We still recommend an adjustment to Company-wide EBA cost for the
267 replacement power cost amount of \$47,949.

268 *Naughton Unit 2 June 2016 Outage*

269 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Ralston's testimony on the Naughton Unit 2 June 2016**
270 **outage?**

271 A: Mr. Ralston states in his testimony that the Company's response to the fire was
272 appropriate and that the plant and fan company personnel could not identify a definite
273 root cause of the fire during the subsequent investigation. It was speculated that based on
274 the proximity of the coal pile, that coal dust could have been the cause of the fire.
275 However, Mr. Ralston states that it was not known prior to the fire that the area might
276 have been prone to coal dust accumulation. Therefore, any preventative measures to
277 mitigate coal dust buildup could not have been carried out beforehand since the buildup
278 problem was not known until after the fire. We maintain that the Company should have
279 carried out a more rigorous investigation since a fire should trigger more concern than
280 what was demonstrated by the Company. Furthermore, since Mr. Ralston acknowledges
281 that the Company recognizes coal dust as a hazard that requires diligent mitigation, the
282 Company failed to adequately prevent the buildup of coal dust in the affected area,
283 regardless if the possible link between the fire and coal dust accumulation was made after
284 the outage. We still recommend an adjustment of Company-wide EBA cost for the
285 replacement power cost of \$136,570.

286 **III. Wilding Response Testimony**

287 **Q: To what issues raised in Mr. Wilding's response testimony do you wish to respond?**

288 A: We respond to Mr. Wilding's alternative calculation of the replacement power cost
289 calculation related to the contested outages at Gadsby Units 4 - 6. We also accept his
290 recommended adjustments to replacement power calculations for contested outages at
291 Hermiston 1, Dave Johnston 4 and Colstrip 3.

292 *Gadsby Units 4-6*

293 **Q: What are Mr. Wilding's suggestions related to the outage replacement power cost**
294 **estimation?**

295 A: Mr. Wilding accepts the calculation methodology we used to estimate replacement power
296 costs for the Gadsby 4-6 outages but suggests three "corrections" to the inputs used in the
297 calculation. Mr. Wilding suggests the following changes in inputs to the calculation: 1)
298 the modeled price of replacement power should be based on PowerDex hourly market
299 prices at the 4-Corners market hub rather than California Independent System Operator's
300 ("CAISO") day-ahead market ("DAM") locational marginal prices ("LMP"); 2) variable
301 operating and maintenance ("VOM") costs should be modeled as \$██████████; and 3)
302 modeled heat rates should be based on actual average heat rates.

303 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Wilding's suggested changes to inputs in the**
304 **replacement power cost calculation?**

305 A: We accept Mr. Wilding's proposed inputs for market power prices and VOM but reject
306 his proposal to use actual average heat rates.

307 **Q: Explain your response to Mr. Wilding’s suggestion to use PowerDex hourly market**
308 **prices.**

309 A: At the time of our analysis, we did not have access to proprietary PowerDex hourly
310 market prices. We maintain that there is no “perfect” market price index to use and that
311 CAISO DAM LMPs are an appropriate publicly available data source for this analysis,
312 which requires hourly granularity. Mr. Wilding notes that PacifiCorp balances Gadsby
313 output at the 4-Corners market hub, and PowerDex provides hourly index pricing at this
314 market hub. We accept for the purposes of the Gadsby outages analysis the use of
315 PowerDex hourly prices, as suggested by the Company.

316 **Q: Explain your response to Mr. Wilding’s suggestion to use actual VOM costs.**

317 A: We accept the actual VOM provided by the Company. In response to DPU Data Request
318 25.1(c), the Company stated that the actual VOM value provided is the value used when
319 modeling generation dispatch.

320 **Q: Explain why you reject Mr. Wilding’s suggestion to use actual average heat rates in**
321 **the replacement power analysis.**

322 A: Actual average heat rates reflect total fuel burned divided by net generation. This may or
323 may not be consistent with the incremental heat rate for the next unit of output that is the
324 appropriate signal for dispatch decisions. For instance, consider an available generator
325 that been dispatched minimally for some period. The plant would still burn some fuel to
326 provide station load, but it would provide little to no net generation output. Such a unit
327 could have an actual average heat rate several multiples of any operating heat rate, or it
328 could even be negative. Such a heat rate is nonsensical if used to model dispatch, which
329 is based on the marginal cost of the next increment or decrement of power.

330 **Q: Does the Company use actual average heat rates in its own dispatch modeling?**

331 A: No. In response to DPU Data Request 25.2 the Company provided the heat rate curves
332 used in its own dispatch modeling. The heat rate used in modeling dispatch reflect
333 discrete points on the curve, with average heat rates for specific operating levels ranging
334 from [REDACTED]. The Gadsby units are more efficient at higher
335 operating levels, so full load heat rates are significantly lower (meaning less fuel is
336 required to produce each MW of generation) than partial load heat rates.

337 **Q: Did you revise the heat rate assumptions in the simplified dispatch modeling used to**
338 **estimate replacement power costs?**

339 A: Yes. In addition to the two input changes suggested by the Company, we also adjusted
340 our replacement power cost analysis to use heat rate inputs consistent with heat rate
341 curves used in Company modeling, as provided in Confidential Attachment DPU 25.2.
342 Our replacement power cost methodology is a simplified dispatch model based on a
343 single point estimate of each unit's heat rate. Rather than use the full load average heat
344 rate for each unit (ranging from [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] BTU/kWh for each of the Gadsby Units 4-
345 6), we conservatively used the partial (20 MW) load average heat rates, ranging from
346 [REDACTED] to [REDACTED] BTU/kWh.

347 **Q: How did the input adjustments affect your estimate of replacement power costs**
348 **associated with the Gadsby Unit 4-6 outages?**

349 A: Our revised analysis using PowerDex hourly prices, actual VOM, and heat rates from the
350 Company's dispatch modeling assumptions, as described above, results in a revised
351 estimate of \$119,528 in Company-wide replacement power costs associated with the
352 seven imprudent outages at Gadsby Units 4-6. These replacement power costs were used

353 to calculate our revised adjustment to the EBA deferral amount, as shown in Table 1
354 below.

355 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Wilding's testimony on the computation of Hermiston**
356 **Unit 1 and Dave Johnston Unit 4 replacement power costs?**

357 A: Mr. Wilding noted a small error in the calculation of first-day or last-day peak and off-
358 peak outage hours for Hermiston Unit 1 and Dave Johnston Unit 4. We accept this
359 correction. The Company-wide replacement power costs associated with the Dave
360 Johnston Unit 4 outage are \$117,201, a reduction of \$281 from our direct testimony. We
361 are no longer recommending the Hermiston Unit 1 outage for disallowance, rendering the
362 Hermiston correction moot.

363 **Q: How do you respond to Mr. Wilding's testimony on the computation of Colstrip**
364 **Unit 3 replacement power costs?**

365 A: Mr. Wilding asserts that only 84 of the 209 outage hours were directly related to the
366 economizer tube leak issue subject to our finding of imprudence. The Company's
367 position is that the second outage, related to a boiler water pump that failed upon
368 attempted restart of the unit after resolving the tube leak issue, should not be subject to
369 the same finding of imprudence, and should therefore not contribute to replacement
370 power cost disallowance in the EBA. As discussed in our response to Mr. Ralston's
371 testimony, we accept the Company's position in this instance. As a result, the Company-
372 wide replacement power costs recommended for disallowance in the EBA is reduced
373 from \$2,923 to \$1,274.

374 **Q: What other changes to outage-related disallowances are you recommending?**

375 A: As discussed above in our response to Mr. Ralston's testimony, we are not
376 recommending an adjustment to EBA deferral based on either Hermiston outage.

377 **Q: Please summarize your recommended outage-related reductions in Company-wide**
378 **NPC.**

379 A: After considering new information provided by the Company in Response Testimony and
380 in responses to follow-up data requests, we have made some adjustments to our
381 calculation of replacement power costs, and we have withdrawn recommended
382 disallowance associated with two outages. Still, nothing in the Company's response
383 testimony changes our conclusion that 12 outages demonstrated sufficient imprudence
384 that we recommend reducing EBA costs to reflect net replacement power costs related to
385 the outages. The total reduction in Company-wide NPC for these outages is \$449,715, as
386 shown in Table 1 below. Division Witness David Thomson discusses the impact of this
387 Company-wide NPC reduction on RMP's requested EBA deferral amount. The Utah-
388 allocated EBA deferral adjustment related to imprudent outage replacement power costs
389 is \$176,069.

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Table 1 – Outage Summary

Outage	Start Date	Estimated Replacement Power Cost	Recommended Disallowance - Company NPC
Gadsby 4	3/30/2016	\$ 5,284	\$ 5,284
Gadsby 4	4/8/2016	\$ 12,420	\$ 12,420
Gadsby 5	3/30/2016	\$ 6,780	\$ 6,780
Gadsby 5	4/8/2016	\$ 9,472	\$ 9,472
Gadsby 6	3/30/2016	\$ 9,055	\$ 9,055
Gadsby 6	4/8/2016	\$ 10,800	\$ 10,800
Gadsby 6	7/19/2016	\$ 65,717	\$ 65,717
<i>Gadsby Outages Subtotal</i>		\$ 119,528	\$ 119,528
Colstrip 3	5/13/2016	\$ 1,274	\$ 1,274
Colstrip 4	10/27/2016	\$ 27,193	\$ 27,193
Dave Johnston 4	3/25/2016	\$ 117,201	\$ 117,201
Hermiston 1	8/2/2016	\$ 80,835	\$ -
Hermiston 1	9/18/2016	\$ 7,113	\$ -
Naughton 2	6/6/2016	\$ 136,570	\$ 136,570
Naughton 2	5/28/2016	\$ 47,949	\$ 47,949
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 537,663	\$ 449,715

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392 IV. Revised Adjustments to the EBA

393 **Q: Based upon your review of the Company’s response testimony and your rebuttal**
394 **testimony, what adjustments do you now propose to calendar year 2016 EBA costs?**

395 **A:** Based upon the discussion above, we continue to recommend that the EBA deferral
396 request be adjusted to remove the \$12.5 million Joy longwall abandonment expense and
397 \$7.6 million in recovery cost included in Company-wide NPC. The Utah-allocated EBA
398 deferral adjustment related to Joy longwall costs is \$8,420,710. We also recommend
399 adjusting Company-wide EBAC for the replacement power cost related to 12 of the 16
400 outages discussed in our direct testimony and EBA Audit report. The total reduction in
401 Company-wide NPC for these outages is \$449,715, resulting in a Utah-allocated EBA
402 deferral adjustment of \$176,069. Our revised recommended adjustments increase the

403 proposed refund to Utah customers by \$8,596,779. The calculation of Utah allocated
404 amounts with carrying charges is presented in the rebuttal testimony of DPU Witness
405 Thomson.

406 **Q: Does this conclude your testimony?**

407 **A: Yes.**