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#### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Attention: Gary Widerburg

**Commission Secretary** 

RE: Docket No. 17-035-62 – In the Matter of the Formal Complaint of Darlene Schmidt Against

Rocky Mountain Power

Dear Mr. Widerburg:

Rocky Mountain Power ("Company") hereby submits for filing its Answer and Motion to Dismiss in the above referenced matter.

The Company respectfully requests that all formal correspondence and requests for additional information regarding this filing be addressed to the following:

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Sincerely,

Daniel E. Solander Senior Attorney

**Enclosures** 

Cc: Service List (w/ enclosures)

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#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

In the Matter of Darlene Schmidt,

Complainant, : Docket No. 17-035-62

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VS.

**ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S** 

Rocky Mountain Power, : ANSWER AND

MOTION TO DISMISS

Respondent.

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Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (the "Company"), pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-204(1) and Utah Admin. Code R746-1-203, R746-1-206, and R746-1-301, provides its Answer to the Formal Complaint filed by Darlene Schmidt ("Complaint"). In addition, the Company moves that the Complaint be dismissed in its entirety, with prejudice, because Rocky Mountain Power has not violated any provision of law, Commission order or rule, or Company tariff, and further, Ms. Schmidt has not demonstrated, pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-1-201(2), that the Division of Public Utilities (the "Division") has reviewed the complaint and determined that Commission action is warranted.

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## I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS

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### II. BACKGROUND

- Ms. Schmidt is the customer of record for the electric service at 1450 E. Plata Way,
   Sandy, Utah ("residence").
- 2. Rocky Mountain Power met with Ms. Schmidt and the Division of Public Utilities at Ms. Schmidt's residence on October 18, 2017. At the meeting, Rocky Mountain Power offered to replace Ms. Schmidt's current meter with a meter that does not have any transmitting capabilities. Ms. Schmidt refused the Company's offer.
- 3. On December 5, 2017, Ms. Schmidt filed a formal complaint with the Commission. On December 11, 2017 and December 18, 2017, Ms. Schmidt filed several Exhibits, which appear to be unrelated to the formal complaint.

III. MOTION TO DISMISS

4. The Company moves under Utah Rules of Civil Procedure, Rule 12(b)(6) for an

Order dismissing the Complaint. In support of this motion, the Company states Ms. Schmidt's

complaint fails to establish, or even allege, that the Company violated Commission rules,

Company tariffs or that its actions are unjust. Ms. Schmidt has also failed to demonstrate, pursuant

to Utah Admin. Code R746-1-201(2), that the Division has reviewed the complaint and determined

that Commission action is warranted.

5. As stated above, Rocky Mountain Power offered to replace Ms. Schmidt's meter

with a non-transmitting meter in accordance with the Company's tariff policy, and that offer was

refused. It is unclear to the Company what additional relief Ms. Schmidt is seeking from the

Commission, but it does not appear that Ms. Schmidt is alleging any violations of rule, tariff, or

law by the Company.

IV. CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE having fully answered Complainant's complaint and finding no violation

of law, Commission rules, or Company tariffs to base an award of the relief requested, the

Company prays for the dismissal of the Complaint with prejudice.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attorney for Rocky Mountain Power

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Docket No. 17-035-62

I hereby certify that on December 20, 2017, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail to the following:

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