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TO: Public Service Commission

FROM: Division of Public Utilities:
Chris Parker, Director
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DATE: April 11, 2018

RE: Docket No. 17-035-69, Investigation of Revenue Requirement Impacts of the New Federal Tax Legislation Titled: "An act to provide for reconciliation pursuant to titles II and V of the concurrent resolution of the budget for fiscal year 2018"

Yesterday, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) asked the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) to allow it additional time to opine whether a hearing is necessary in this matter. It wishes to wait until it can discuss with parties a procedural change in this case in light of its recent settlement activities in Wyoming. RMP promised to update the Commission by the end of this week. Given the remaining dates for comments and hearing are Monday, April 16, 2018, and Wednesday, April 18, 2018, the Division feels it necessary to respond to RMP's request before week's end.

The Division has consistently advocated in this docket for returning federal tax savings to ratepayers as soon as practicable. The Division will not agree to delay the April 16 and April 18 dates, particularly for a hypothetical comprehensive settlement of multiple dockets. The Division does not believe a comprehensive settlement resembling the Wyoming proceedings is likely. Unless the Commission orders otherwise, parties should prepare to file any necessary comments on Monday, April 16, 2018. No hearing has been requested but if one is required it should be held as scheduled next Wednesday.

The Commission should proceed with a decision on the filed recommendations after receiving comments next Monday. Thus far, those comments concern only a portion of tax benefits under consideration in this docket. A schedule exists for a June supplemental filing by RMP. That filing will consider other tax benefits than those involved in next week's deadlines. This leaves the Commission ample opportunity to address the effect of the hypothetical future settlement. Based on the Division's understanding of the Wyoming terms and conversations with others,

such a settlement appears unlikely. The Commission should not wait to address the reasonably known effects of tax changes currently scheduled for Commission consideration. The Division will not agree to a delay in the schedule.

cc: Michele Beck, Office of Consumer Services
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