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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
Chris Parker, Director
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Date: April 6, 2017

Re: 17-035-T06 – In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power’s Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 73, Subscriber Solar Program

RECOMMENDATION (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”) approve Rocky Mountain Power’s (“Company”) proposed tariff revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 73, Subscriber Solar program. The Division found these revisions to be reasonable.

ISSUE

On March 28, 2017, the Company filed with the Commission its proposed revisions to Schedule No. 73, Subscriber Solar Program and requested approval effective May 1, 2017. On the same date, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting the Division to investigate the Company’s filing. This memorandum represents the Division’s response to the Commission’s Action Request.

DISCUSSION

The Division reviewed the Company's filing and determined that the proposed changes are confined to conditions 7 and 8 of the Special Conditions Section of the Tariff. The proposed changes are merely language changes to make these conditions consistent with those in the Special Conditions of Schedules 70 and 72. The proposed changes are as follows:

Condition 7:

Subscribers ~~will~~ may pay a cancellation fee if they cancel within three years of subscribing. The cancellation fee will equal up to \$50 per block.....

Condition 8:

The Company ~~will~~ may not accept enrollments for accounts that have a time payment agreement in effect,.....

In addition to the fact that these changes will make Schedule 73 consistent with Schedules 70 and 72, the Company claims, and the Division agrees, that the changes in Condition 7 will allow the Company to negotiate a reduced fee or to even wave the cancellation fess if the cost of cancelation and replacement is minimal and the cancelation was due to extenuating circumstances, respectively. Furthermore, the change in condition 8 will provide the Company the flexibility to enroll those customers that had a temporary credit problem and those that have a time payment agreement for reasons that are not theirs fault.

The Division reviewed the proposed changes to Schedule 73, and concludes that it is reasonable. Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission approve the Company's proposed changes, effective May1, 2017.

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