

November 28, 2018

#### **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: In the Matter of the Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of its

Tenth-Year Strategic Communications and Outreach Action Plan and

**Budget for Demand Side Management – Docket No. 18-035-45** 

On June 11, 2009, in Docket No. 09-035-36, the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") issued an order approving the implementation of an outreach and communications program in Utah for Rocky Mountain Power's ("Company") energy efficiency and peak management programs ("Campaign") for a period of three years. The intent of the Campaign was to increase awareness and participation in the Company's energy efficiency and peak reduction programs. Since then, the Company has sought and received approval for outreach and communications plans on an annual basis in separate dockets.

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is the Tenth-Year Strategic Communications and Outreach Action Plan and Budget for Demand Side Management, January 1, 2019 – December 31, 2019 ("2019 Plan"). A budget of \$1.5 million is proposed for the 2019 Plan. The 2019 Plan was circulated to the DSM Steering Committee on November 15, 2018.

The expenses associated with the 2019 Plan were included in the Company's forecast of expenses in the DSM Deferred Account & Forecast Report filed November 1, 2018 in Docket No. 18-035-27, and also in the Company's Advice No. 18-06 in Docket No. 18-035-T05 requesting approval for a reduction to Schedule 193 rates and to implement a one-time refund to customers through Schedule 194. It is respectfully requested that the Commission issue an order approving the 2019 Plan with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

In addition, all formal correspondence and staff requests regarding this filing should be addressed to:

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Enclosure

# Exhibit A



POWERING YOUR GREATNESS

Strategic Communications and Outreach Plan Utah Energy Efficiency and Peak Management 2019 Plan and Budget

# PREFACE/BACKGROUND

Rocky Mountain Power ("Company"), working with the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") and interested stakeholders, has implemented a comprehensive portfolio of energy efficiency and peak reduction programs in Utah.

In Docket No. 09-035-36, the Commission approved the Company's proposal to work with regulators and interested stakeholders to raise the awareness of the comprehensive portfolios of energy efficiency and peak reduction programs in Utah. Through these portfolios, the Company provides residential, commercial, industrial and agricultural customers with incentives and tools that enable them to employ energy savings in their homes or businesses.

Starting in 2009, the Commission approved the Company's proposal to implement a communications and outreach plan intended to increase participation in these programs and to grow customer appreciation and understanding of the benefits associated with the efficient use of energy. This document provides detailed information on proposed campaign activities in 2019 and why the proposed budget is critical to the continued success of the Company's *watt*smart program portfolio.

#### **Summary to Date**

Annual Reports for each campaign year were filed in Docket No. 09-035-36 until they started being provided with the Demand Side Management ("DSM") Annual Report after 2014.

Campaign Year	Reporting	
July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010	October 14, 2010	
July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011	September 30, 2011	
July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012	ne 30, 2012 October 29, 2012	
July 1, 2012 through December 31, 2013 <sup>1</sup>	January 31, 2014	
January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014	DSM Annual Report <sup>2</sup>	
January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015	DSM Annual Report	
January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2016	DSM Annual Report	
January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017	DSM Annual Report	
January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018	DSM Annual Report	
January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 DSM Annual Report		

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In order to align the communications campaign with the calendar year, the Commission approved an 18-month timeframe from July 1, 2012, through December 31, 2013, in its order issued May 1, 2012 in Docket No. 12-035-71. <sup>2</sup>After the 2014 calendar year, the Company began reporting Campaign effectiveness in the DSM Annual Report.

# **Executive Summary**

# **Research Findings**

Survey results from both residential and business customers show that Rocky Mountain Power's marketing and communication outreach efforts are making a positive impact. With the awareness level of "being *watt*smart" remaining fairly consistent, nearly two-thirds of residential customers and half of commercial customers said they have taken action to reduce energy use. What's more, customers across the board look to Rocky Mountain Power as a credible source for energy efficiency information.

#### **Key Takeaways**

- Familiarity with *watt* smart and importance of conversation remain strong.
- Customers are responding to real life examples. A focus on case studies and highlighting customer achievements will continue to be a key focus.
- Based on research findings, more direct email and website enhancements will be added to the Company's outreach in addition to advertising through television, social media, online, radio, and out-of-home.
- Customers feel it is important for Rocky Mountain Power to help them conserve energy.
- Rocky Mountain Power is the first source for energy efficiency information.

# **Strategy**

Use research to continually improve awareness efforts for energy efficiency to support *watt*smart programs and energy conservation in general.

- Promote "being *watt* smart" to support Rocky Mountain Power's "Powering Your Greatness" brand essence that empowers customers with options to save energy and money.
- Maintain targeted media channels with adjustments for trends, cost and impact.
- Engage customers online and through direct email.
- Reach the next generation of energy savers with engaging energy efficiency education.

#### **Proposed Budget**

The Company proposes an overall communications and outreach budget of \$1.5 million and plans to increase the number of schools we are able to reach with in-classroom energy education presentations. This change will address schools on a waiting list for presentations, and aligns with the strategy for measuring success.

# **Customer Surveys**

Rocky Mountain Power contracted with third-party, independent market research firms to conduct studies with customers. MDC Research surveyed residential customers to determine the effectiveness of the outreach and communications campaign. The survey measured the awareness of and self-reported efforts toward conservation and participation in Rocky Mountain Power's DSM programs.

Also referenced are results from MSI National Benchmarking Database to support continued outreach and communications to business customers; and provide insights into opportunities to improve awareness about the benefits of efficiency with this customer segment. This also aligns with the Company's Integrated Resource Plan goals.

#### **Research Methodology**

• MDC Research – 1,166 residential online surveys were completed September 2018. Customers were randomly invited to participate in online surveys via emails issued by MDC. In 2017, this study was conducted using a mixed telephone and online survey methodology in order to trend data with previous studies (conducted by phone) and serve as a benchmark for 2018's customer research initiatives (conducted online).

The overall objective of this research was to measure awareness and affinity for Rocky Mountain Power's energy conservation programs, particularly "being wattsmart." Additional objectives include: measure awareness level of Rocky Mountain Power advertisements and communications; determine awareness of Rocky Mountain Power being a resource for energy efficiency; gauging association between wattsmart and Rocky Mountain Power; and discerning actions residential customers are taking to be wattsmart.

• MSI National Benchmarking Database Study – In 2018, the Company changed the reporting structure for research completed by MSI. The Company now receives a mid-year snapshot and an end-of-the-year report from MSI.

The 2018 mid-year snapshot contained one data point relevant to energy efficiency in which Rocky Mountain Power received a score of 80% among residential customers who think the Company does a "good job" of "Providing information on how to control your energy costs," and a score of 73% among commercial customers for "Offering solutions to help customers use energy more efficiently."

Because of this reporting change, the relatively high mid-year scores and the large amount of data collected in 2017, the Company's 2019 DSM Plan references 2017 research data collected by MSI.

In June/July 2017, 1,989 web surveys for residential and 513 web surveys for business were completed. This large data sample provides deeper insights into the primary ways residential and small- to medium-sized business customers' perceptions and evaluations of Rocky Mountain Power's performance impacts customer satisfaction. These responses are analyzed to understand perceptions of special topics related to outage communications, web interactions, billing, communication, solar/renewables and energy efficiency. For the purpose of this plan, we will look only at findings that pertain to energy efficiency.

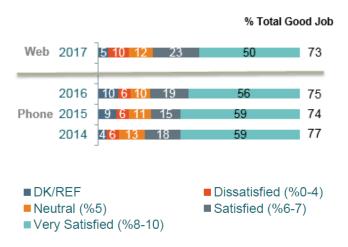
# **Research Findings**

#### **Residential Customers**

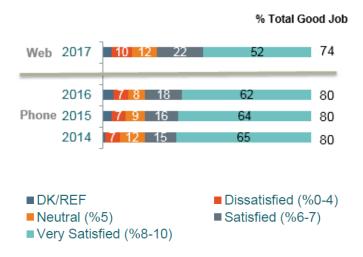
Generally three-quarters (73%) of residential customers say Rocky Mountain Power does a "good job" of offering solutions that help customers use energy efficiently and providing information on how to control their electricity costs. (MSI 2017 Research)

Note: "% Total Good Job" (73) combines percentage of "Satisfied" (23) and "Very Satisfied" (50) responses to survey questions. In the legend, DK/REF means a customer responded "Don't Know" or "Refused to Answer," and the 0-4, 5, 6-7, and 8-10 numbers represent the corresponding number range from the survey responses (i.e. if a customer rated Rocky Mountain Power anywhere from 8-10 in the survey, they were very satisfied).

## Offering solutions to help customers use energy efficiently\*

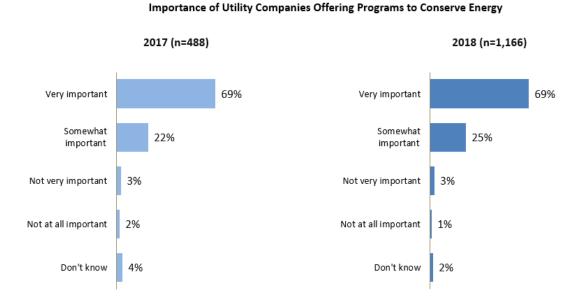


## Providing information on how to control electricity costs



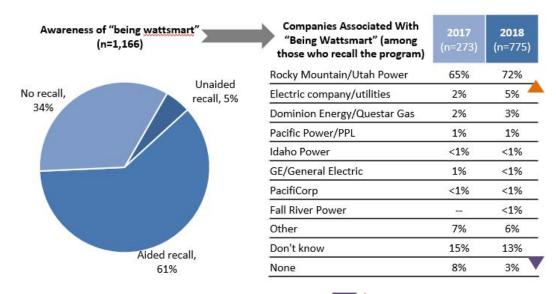
## Importance of Utility Companies Helping Customers Conserve Energy

Customers feel it is highly important for utility companies to offer programs to help conserve energy. Nine in ten believe that it is "very" or "somewhat" important for utility companies to help customers conserve energy through program offerings. (MDC 2018 Research)



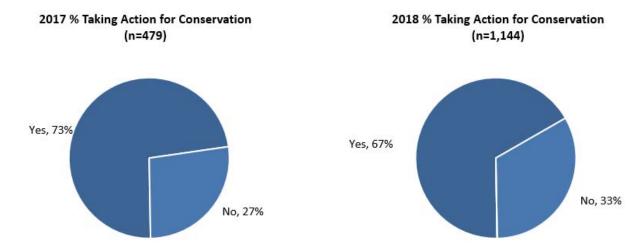
#### Familiarity with "being wattsmart"

Over half are familiar with "being *watt*smart". Of those familiar with "being *watt*smart," 72% attribute the phrase to Rocky Mountain Power. (MDC 2018 Research)



# **Taking action**

Two thirds (67%) of customers have taken some actions or changed something in their household in the past year to save energy. (MDC 2018 Research)

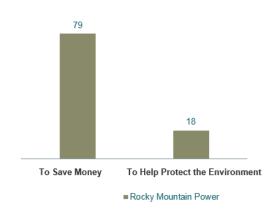


## Reason for taking action

Main reason for taking action to reduce energy use (among those who have taken action) is to save money (75%) and to help protect the environment (15%). MDC 2018 Research reports shows similar findings as MSI 2017 Research with the top reason for conservation action is "to save money" (80%). Protecting the environment is a secondary concern, mentioned by 18%.

Reasons for Conservation Action (Among Those Taking Action)	Total <b>2018</b> (n=769)
To save money	75%
To protect the environment	15%
Conserve energy (general)	14%
Needed to replace an old or broken appliance	6%
To make my home more comfortable	2%
To reduce need for new energy infrastructure	1%
Heard ads encouraging energy conservation	<1%
Other	11%

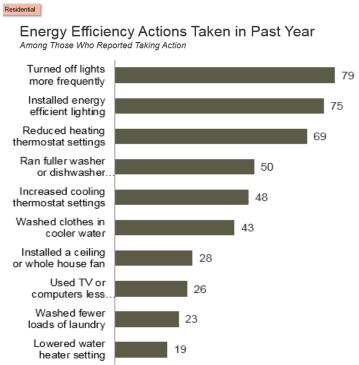
Main Reason for Taking Action to Reduce Energy Use
Among Those Who Have Taken Action
2017 Web Results



MSI 2017 Research

#### **Actions Taken**

Actions around lighting are the most common responses in both research studies. "Turning off lights more frequently" (79%) and "installing energy efficient lighting" (75%) remained the top responses among those who reported taking action; adjusting thermostat settings and installing a ceiling or whole house fan also saw a slight increase in response in 2017. (MSI 2017 Research)



MSI 2017 Research

MDC Research shows using energy-saving light bulbs is the top action taken, followed by turning off lights and adjusting the thermostat or using a smart/programmable thermostat.

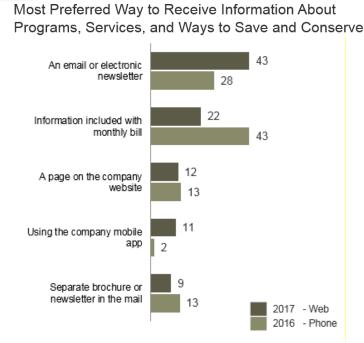
Conservation Actions Taken (Among Those Taking Action)	
Use energy-saving light bulbs	50%
Turn off lights when leaving a room	15%
Adjust thermostat	12%
Smart/programmable thermostat	10%
Lowered use of/turned off air conditioning/use other cooling means	10%
Unplug appliances when away from home	8%
Install solar	7%
Install energy-efficient appliances	7%
Install an energy-efficient air conditioner or furnace	6%
Add insulation to your attic, roof, or walls	5%
Install energy-efficient doors or windows	4%
Insulate or caulk around windows or doors	3%
New/energy efficient water heater	3%
Generally conserve or use less energy	2%
Upgrade drapes/blinds	2%
New/energy efficient washer/dryer	2%
Switched to fireplace/wood pellet stove/propane/natural gas	1%
Use energy-saving shower heads	1%
Tune up your furnace or water heater	<1%
Other	13%

MDC 2018 Research

# **Preferred Energy Efficiency Information Sources**

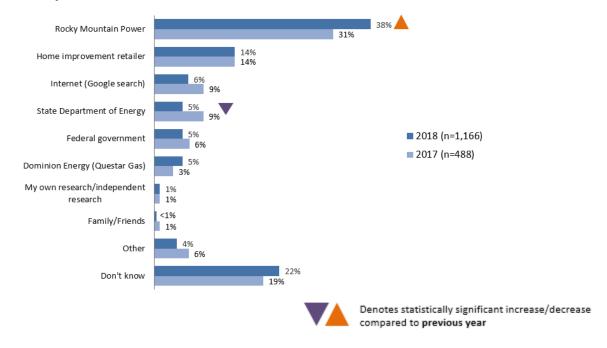
Residential

Emails or electronic newsletter have surpassed bill inserts as the preferred way customers receive energy conservation information. Preference for the mobile app increased significantly in 2017, while the web site remained stable. (MSI 2017 Research)



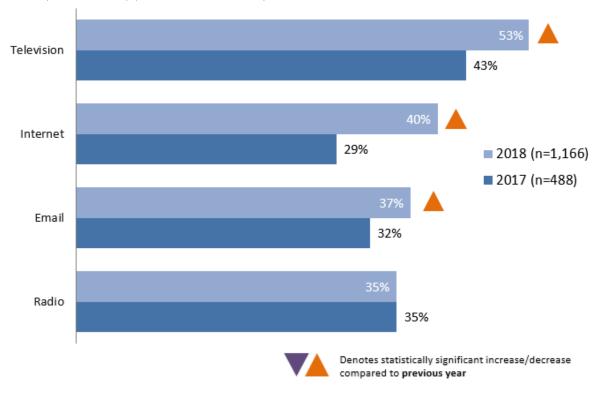
# **Energy Efficiency Information Sources**

Rocky Mountain Power is the most commonly mentioned first source for customers to turn to for energy-efficiency information. (MDC 2018 Research)



#### **Top Sources for Current Events**

Television, social networking, the internet, and radio are the top sources for information on new and current events. Respondents over age 35 are more likely to seek information via television than respondents who are 18-34 (57% vs. 32%) (MDC 2018 Research)



#### **Commercial Customers**

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The 2018 mid-year snapshot contained one data point relevant to energy efficiency in which Rocky Mountain Power received a score of 73% among commercial customers who think the Company does a "good job" of "Offering solutions to help customer use energy more efficiently."

Because of this reporting change, the relatively high mid-year scores and the large amount of data collected in 2017, the Company's 2019 DSM Plan references 2017 research data collected by MSI.

Seven in ten (70%) Rocky Mountain Power commercial customers are aware of solutions to help them use energy efficiently.

Note: "% Total Good Job" (70) combines percentage of "Satisfied" (25) and "Very Satisfied" (45) responses to survey questions. In the legend, DK/REF means a customer responded "Don't Know" or "Refused to Answer," and the 0-4, 5, 6-7, and 8-10 numbers represent the corresponding number range from the survey responses (i.e. if a customer rated Rocky Mountain Power anywhere from 8-10 in the survey, they were very satisfied).

# Offering solutions to help customers use energy more efficiently

% Total Good Job



Seven in ten (70%) Rocky Mountain Power commercial customers believe their utility is doing a "good job" of providing information on how to control electricity costs.

# Providing info on how to control energy costs

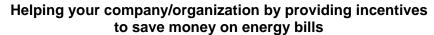
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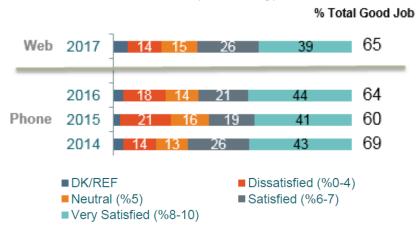
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DK/REF Dissatisfied (%0-4)
Neutral (%5)
Very Satisfied (%8-10)

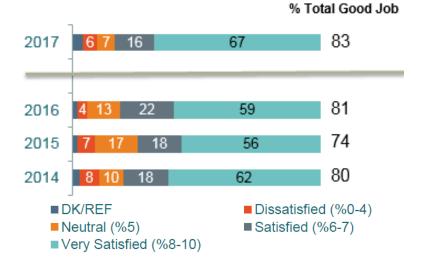
Sixty-five percent (65%) of commercial customers say their utility helps their company by providing incentives to save money on their energy bills.



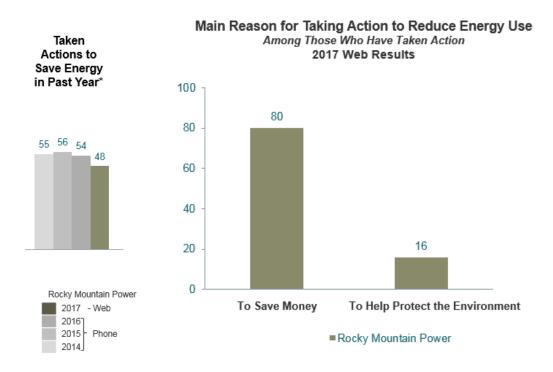


Approximately eight in ten (83%) customers feel Rocky Mountain Power does a "good job" of providing information about products and services that are of value to them and their organizations.

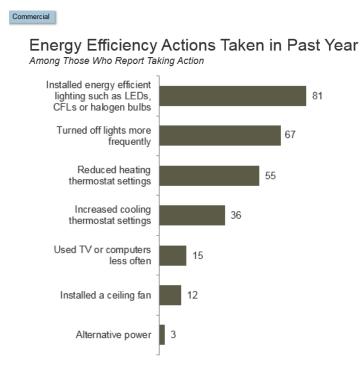
# Providing information about products and services that are of value to you and your organization



Nearly half (48%) have taken actions to save energy within the past year to reduce their usage. The main reason for taking action to reduce energy use (among those who have taken action) is to save money (80%) and to help protect the environment (16%).

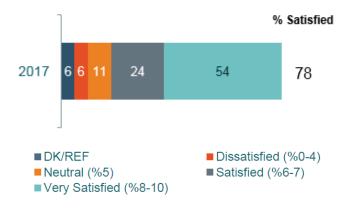


Energy saving actions most commonly reported include installing efficient lighting (81%) or turning off lights more frequently (67%).



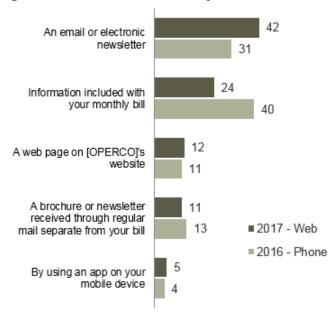
Nearly eight in ten customers (78%) are satisfied with the selection of energy-saving and renewable options available to them. *This was a new question asked in 2017*.

# Satisfaction with programs that help customers manage usage/costs and increase use of renewable energy resources



With the web methodology, four in ten commercial customers (42%) would most prefer to receive program and service information in an email or electronic newsletter; another 24% would prefer information with the monthly bill.

Most Preferred Way to Receive Information About Programs, Services, and Ways to Save and Conserve



# **Recommendations**

## **Research Findings**

- Nearly two-thirds of residential customers and half of commercial customers said they have taken
  action to reduce energy use. The key reasons they cited for taking action were to save money and to
  help the environment.
- Rocky Mountain Power continues to be viewed favorably as a credible source for energy efficiency
  information, and the vast majority of customers believe it is important for the Company to offer
  programs to help customers conserve electricity.
- The awareness level of "being *watt*smart" has remained fairly consistent. In order to help customers continue to use energy more efficiently, research indicates a need to maintain or increase awareness of *watt*smart across all customer segments and particularly for small- to mid-size business customers.

#### 2019 Target Audience

The Company will target residential customers as well as a diverse mix of small, medium, and large size business customers. In addition, the Company plans to inspire the next generation of energy-savers by expanding the number schools earmarked for in-classroom energy efficiency education presentations.

### 2019 Strategy

### Continue promoting "being wattsmart"

In view of strong recall for the outreach and communications campaign, advertise and promote "being wattsmart" as an expression of Rocky Mountain Power's "Powering Your Greatness" brand essence to empower customers with options to save energy and money.

In 2017 and 2018, the Company made the connection that energy efficiency is good for the bottom line (saves money) and the bigger picture (good for the environment). It localized the messaging to Utah and tied the *watt*smart concept to stories about others who are being *watt*smart and the benefits they received. The Company plans to evolve this messaging to align with its "Powering Your Greatness" brand by shifting to more customer-centric language and imagery focused on efficient energy practices and benefits. The messages will reach residential and small, medium, and large-size business customers with an emphasis on diverse industry mix of businesses.

#### Increase targeted media channels

To maintain the number of "ad aware" customers, the Company evaluates media channels based on trends, impact, cost-effectiveness, and reach and frequency. We plan to advertise energy conservation and efficiency using TV, social networking (community building platforms), online, radio, and out-of-home.

To align with research recommendations, the Company will also increase direct email to customers in 2019. The email will help to reinforce effectiveness of other media outreach.

#### Inspire the next generation of energy-savers

Since 2012, the Company has been offering in-classroom energy efficiency education. Teachers value this program and it fills up quickly, creating a waiting list. In 2019, we plan to make the program available to 175 Utah schools, an increase of 38 schools over 2018.

#### Engage with customers online

In 2019, the Company plans to freshen and simplify website content and design to offer an improved experience on rockymountainpower.net and *watt*smart.com. Digital, social and email will provide links to drive traffic to online web engagement.

#### Research, evaluation, and measuring success

Annual program evaluation and monitoring will be built into the Campaign to measure and verify plan delivery. Success will be measured by supporting overall awareness and participation in *watt*smart energy efficiency offerings and positive survey results for next year, including:

- Continuation of strong familiarity with being *watt*smart.
- More than half of customers surveyed taking action for conservation.
- Strong engagement as measured by digital and social media interactions for paid and organic content focused on energy efficiency.

### 2019 Messaging Approach

Remind and empower customers to adopt energy-efficient behaviors and choose energy-efficient equipment to realize long-term financial savings as well as other operational and environmental benefits.

- Spotlight the value customers are receiving from their energy-efficient actions. Saving money continues to be the factor most likely to impact behavior change.
- Focus on long-term financial savings and other benefits like: easy to adopt; improved comfort; reduced maintenance; business differentiation as a leader in sustainable/cleaner energy practices; goodwill that comes from making Utah more livable now and into the future.
- Make storytelling engaging and share-able (video, digital infographics, audio clips) while evolving the tone to align with the Company's "Powering Your Greatness" brand essence.
- Punctuate key points with text in video executions to improve recall through digital platforms.

#### **Tactics/Campaign Components**

#### wattsmart Business and wattsmart Communities

For 2018, Rocky Mountain Power leveraged the success of the business advocacy program by using the *watt*smart campaign to create wider visibility of the benefits energy efficiency provides businesses and communities in Utah. This effort will continue in 2019 by highlighting accomplishments and innovative practices through storytelling and by providing recognition to engaged business customers and communities.

### The plan is designed to:

- Generate awareness and participation in the *watt*smart Business program by sharing case studies from customers engaged in the program to show how offerings have helped lower energy costs and provide other operational benefits.
- Promote awareness of the benefits of the *watt* smart Small Business direct install program to help reinforce that when small businesses thrive it helps them save money and it benefits local communities.
- Engage Utah communities to develop Community Energy Plans to save energy and money and plan for a better future.
- Reinforce an understanding within the business and government communities about the need for and benefits of embracing energy efficiency options and show how the Company can help.

- Emphasize that energy efficiency is good for Utah's economy and environment. Educate Chamber of Commerce members and trade show attendees about the benefits of being *watt*smart and the programs available to them.
- Utilize multiple touch points to reach the target audience and keep the Company's *watt*smart messages top of mind.
- Continue the chamber and community outreach as well as the *wattsmart Business Partner of the Year* awards and related media outreach. Rocky Mountain Power also attends several trade shows throughout the year to engage customers one on one.

#### **Key Messages**

- *watt*smart Business: Being *watt*smart saves Utah businesses money to operate more efficiently. Rocky Mountain Power can help your business save too.
- *watt*smart Communities: Create a customized energy plan for your community with help from Rocky Mountain Power. A plan will help to save energy, money and make your community a better place to live now and into the future.
- Supporting message: Energy efficiency is good for Utah and the environment (reduces emissions and helps the economy) it's good for the bottom line, and it's good for your business' and community's reputation (good corporate citizen, lower environmental footprint).

#### wattsmart Communities outreach

The Company will market *watt*smart Communities through direct engagement with community leadership and decision makers with field outreach personnel. *watt*smart Communities applies a facilitated, flexible, data-driven methodology to help communities plan for and achieve energy goals. The program will be implemented by field teams engaging with communities.

#### wattsmart Business events and sponsorships

The Company will market the *watt*smart Business program through local business events, energy efficiency conferences, local business conferences, military related events and other community events. This allows the Company to have direct contact with its customers and local leaders, distribute marketing collateral, answer questions, and provide useful and accurate information in regards to its energy efficiency programs.

Following is a sample of marketing events the Company plans to participate in during 2019:

Event	Timing	Activities
Salt Lake Chamber	Monthly	Utah Business Radio and social media
Small Business Direct Install	Monthly	Travel to smaller rural communities to assist with energy-efficient upgrades
wattsmart Business Vendor training and annual meetings	Spring	Training for trade allies
Utah Water Users Association Summit	March	Sponsor
Six County Association of Governments Leadership Summit	April	Sponsor
Utah Governor's Economic Summit	April	Sponsor with tabling opportunity
Utah Governor's Energy Development Summit	May	Booth, speaking opportunity with sponsorship
Utah Association of Energy Users	May	Sponsor
Utah Rural Summit	August	Sponsor
Utah Solutions Summit	Summer	Sponsor
BOMA	Summer	Training/conference

Award Presentations	Summer/Fall	Present <i>watt</i> smart Business Partner of Year Awards
Targeted Town events	Summer/Fall	Focused Community Outreach
USHE Annual Conference	September	Sponsor
Utah Green Business Awards	October	Sponsor and presentation
Utah Manufacturers Association	November	Annual event
Moab Regional Meeting	November	Sponsor
Energy Champion Conference	November	Sponsor

#### wattsmart Homes

To help residential customers manage costs, the Company plans to have a consistent multi-media paid and social media presence throughout the year. New creative will be developed in 2019 to align efficient-energy practices and benefits (saving money, improving comfort, etc.) with Rocky Mountain Power's customercentric brand language and imagery.

Overall media frequency will include the cooling season to help customers understand tools are available to manage costs. The *watt*smart campaign will use targeted print, radio and temperature-triggered social media to drive behavior change and awareness, and provide opportunities to reduce energy use.

Rocky Mountain Power will also have a strong presence at the Spring and Fall Home Shows serving the Salt Lake City metro area. These events draw large audiences and provide an opportunity to engage with customers one on one with energy efficiency messages and solutions.

The Company also delivers program information through the *Connect* residential customer newsletter and bill inserts. With more than 33 percent of the Company's customers enrolled in paperless billing, these newsletters are also sent electronically.

## Key Messages

- You have the power to save energy and money. Rocky Mountain Power can help.
- You have the power to be *watt*smart.
- Using energy wisely at home is good for Utah and your wallet.
- Surprising as it sounds, Rocky Mountain Power wants to help you use less electricity.

#### PR/Public Affairs

#### Media Pitches and Social Media Focus

The Company will conduct proactive news media outreach to maximize existing content and create story pitches and news releases that are timely and relevant.

### **Business and/or Community Pitches**

Focused on the benefits of participation in the *watt*smart Business program by sharing customers' success stories about how being *watt*smart is helping them operate more efficiently and reach their sustainable energy goals. As communities complete Energy Plans, seek publicity for efforts with local media outlets.

Feb March April	Business customer case study feature	Communicate the benefits and energy savings realized by a well-known business customer through participation in <i>watt</i> smart Business. Have the customer ready to interview and share how participation helped them reach their energy-saving goals and realize other benefits (saving money, reduced maintenance, reduced environmental footprint, greater comfort, brighter lighting, etc.).
Aug,	wattsmart Business	Announce winner(s) to elevate the profile of the <i>watt</i> smart Business program and recognize the customer(s)' commitment to energy efficiency.
Sept	Partners of the Year	Have the customer(s) ready to interview to share how participation helped them earn the award, reach their goals and realize other benefits.
Q4	wattsmart Communities	Work with community leadership to announce completion of Community Energy Plan to communicate the benefits through local media outlets.

#### **Residential Pitches**

Timing	Pitch Topic	Abstract
April/May	Spring into savings	Use the seasonal shift and momentum from the Spring Home Show to generate awareness for home energy efficiency upgrades and available incentives with a secondary message about the benefits to the environment.
July/Aug./Sept	Simple Steps to save on Summer Cooling /Evaporative coolers	Explore home cooling options from evaporative cooling, to central air and ceiling fans from an energy efficiency standpoint. Rocky Mountain Power will help customers weigh their options and make informed choices.
October/November	Energy efficiency school program	Seek publicity for in-school education program and videos to reach parents with information.
Seasonal Pitch/Timing TBD	A Seasonal DSM Message	Communicate the benefits of saving energy and link message to a current event or seasonal content. Examples may include: Memorial Day and preparing your home to save energy while you are away; First cold weather and Prep for Old Man Winter/Weatherization; or Holidays are Merrier and Brighter with LEDs.

#### **School Curriculum Program**

## Be wattsmart, Begin at Home — National Energy Foundation ("NEF")

Since 2012, the Company has partnered with National Energy Foundation to develop and deliver the "Be *watt*smart, Begin at Home" curriculum. Through a competitive bid process, National Energy Foundation (NEF) retained the contract to deliver the program for a new three-year contract that began fall 2018.

The one-hour, interactive assemblies help Utah fifth-grade students understand how electricity is generated and why they should be energy efficient. "Be *watt*smart, Begin at Home" presentations by the Company include hands-on, large group activities, and videos.

Young people are heavily engaged with online videos for entertainment and information. In 2018, Rocky Mountain Power created five energetic videos to reach students in a format they love. The videos are included in the classroom presentation and highlight energy-saving behaviors students can do at home. The videos are also posted on *watt*smart.com and Rocky Mountain Power's YouTube channel, so students can access them at home via the Internet and "teach" their parents to be *watt*smart too.

The assemblies are based on state education guidelines. In fall 2018, approximately 13,000 students in Utah participated in the curriculum, which includes 137 schools taught by 470 teachers. Students were provided "Home Energy Checklists" and asked to audit their homes to receive LED night lights as incentives. Teachers can receive a \$50 Visa gift card for their classrooms.

Utah teachers value this program and it fills up quickly, creating a wait list. In 2019, the Company plans to make the program available to 175 Utah schools, an increase of 38 schools over 2018.

# 2019 Forecasted Budget (January 2019 – December 2019)

Tactic	Budget
Media/Website	\$770,000
Creative/Production/Planning	\$300,000
wattsmart Business events and sponsorships	\$100,000
General PR and public affairs support	\$75,000
wattsmart School Curriculum Program	\$225,000
Research	\$30,000
Total	\$1,500,000

# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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