

Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Revise Rates in Tariff Schedule 98, Renewable Energy Credits Balancing Account	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DOCKET NO. 19-035-11</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>ORDER CANCELING AUGUST 27, 2019 HEARING, AND ESTABLISHING FINAL RATES</u></p>
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ISSUED: August 19, 2019

**PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On March 15, 2019, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP), filed an application (“Application”) with the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC), requesting approval to revise the rates for the Renewable Energy Credits (REC) Balancing Account in its Electric Service Schedule No. 98, REC Revenue Adjustment (“Schedule 98”). RMP’s Application sought an annual revenue increase of approximately \$0.3 million, or 0.02 percent, effective June 1, 2019.

On March 29, 2019, the PSC issued a Scheduling Order, Notice of Hearings, and Tariff Status (“Scheduling Order”), which allowed parties to comment as to whether a hearing on final rates would be necessary.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to the Scheduling Order, the PSC’s designated Presiding Officer conducted a hearing on the Application on May 16, 2019. Shortly thereafter, the PSC issued an order, approving the Application and the attendant rates on an interim basis, effective June 1, 2019, subject to refund or surcharge following final review of the Division of Public Utilities’ (DPU) audit and any associated comments (“May Order”).<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> See Scheduling Order at 3.

<sup>2</sup> See May Order.

On July 11, 2019, the DPU filed its audit report (“Audit Report”), representing it found no discrepancies in RMP’s records of the 2018 REC transactions. The DPU also stated that RMP appears to be compliant with relevant regulatory and reporting requirements. The DPU concluded that the interim rates appear to be just and reasonable and in the public interest, and recommends the PSC approve them as final. No party filed comments on the Audit Report, and the opportunity to do so elapsed on August 1, 2019.

On August 14, 2019, RMP filed reply comments stating it is authorized to represent that RMP, the DPU, and the Office of Consumer Services (collectively, the “Parties”) support canceling the hearing on final rates scheduled for August 27, 2019.

### **DISCUSSION**

Based on the Parties’ support for canceling the hearing scheduled for August 27, 2019, and considering the absence of issues identified during the comment period which has now elapsed, we grant RMP’s request to cancel the August 27, 2019 hearing. Additionally, based on RMP’s Application and comments, the DPU’s Audit Report, and all of the evidence adduced prior to and in connection with the May Order, we conclude that the interim rates approved in the May Order are just and reasonable and in the public interest and, therefore, we approve them as final.

### **ORDER**

1. The hearing previously scheduled for August 27, 2019 is canceled;
2. The Schedule 98 interim rates approved in the May Order are final.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 19, 2019.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif  
Presiding Officer

Approved and Confirmed August 19, 2019, as the Order of the Public Service Commission of  
Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Jordan A. White, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
DW#309719

Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this Order by filing a written request with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of this Order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 20 days after the filing of the request, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any petition for review must comply with the requirements of §§ 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

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I CERTIFY that on August 19, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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