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ACTION REQUEST RESPONSE

To: Utah Public Service Commission

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities
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Date: May 30, 2019

Re: 19-035-19 (08-035-55 and 13-035-70) – Rocky Mountain Power’s January 1 through December 31, 2018 Service Quality Review Report.

RECOMMENDATION (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends that the Public Service Commission (“Commission”) acknowledge that Rocky Mountain Power’s (“RMP”) January 1 through December 31, 2018 Service Quality Review Report complies with the Commission’s June 11, 2009 Order in Docket No. 08-035-55, December 20, 2016 Order in Docket No. 13-035-01 and 15-035-72, and the requirements of Rule R746-313.

ISSUE

On May 1, 2019, in compliance with the Commission’s June 11, 2009 Order in Docket No. 08-035-55, December 20, 2016 Order in Docket No. 13-035-01 and 15-035-72, and the requirements of Rule R746-313, RMP filed with the Commission its annual Service Quality Review Report for January 1 through December 31, 2018. On the same day, the Commission issued an Action Request directing the Division to review RMP’s filing for compliance and to

make recommendations and to report back by May 31, 2019. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

In accordance with the Commission's Action Request, the Division reviewed RMP's January 1 through December 31, 2018 Service Quality Review Report filed with the Commission on May 1, 2019 in light of the above Orders and Rule and the Utah Service Quality Review Group Report filed with the Commission on September 13, 2006. The Division noticed that the 2018 SAIDI values were consistently below its control zone throughout the year, 2018, indicating an improvement in RMP's service reliability. However, the 2018 Utah SAIFI values were within its control zone throughout the year 2018. The Division also notices that the reliability baselines and notification levels were adjusted recently in Docket No. 15-035-72. The Division believes that the fact that it is only the SAIDI values that are outside of the control limits does not warrant changes to the reliability baselines and notification levels. Hence, the Division will keep monitoring the trend of the reliability performance.

Therefore, the Division determined that RMP is in compliance and recommends that the Commission acknowledge RMP's January 1 through December 31, 2018 Service Quality Review Report. The Division commends RMP on its cooperative work on the issues of service quality and developing a meaningful report.

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