

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Investigation Re: Expiring Excess Generation Credits under Schedule 135	<u>DOCKET NO. 18-035-39</u>
Rocky Mountain Power's Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report and Attachment A for the Period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019	<u>DOCKET NO. 19-035-29</u> <u>ORDER</u>

ISSUED: August 23, 2019

On July 1, 2019, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed with the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) its Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report, and Attachments A and B, for the Period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 (“Report”), in compliance with Docket No. 08-035-T04 and Utah Administrative Code R746-312-16. RMP’s filing requests the value of the excess generation credits from Schedule No. 135 (“Schedule 135”) be credited to the Home Electric Lifeline Program (HELP) on a monthly basis (“Monthly Disbursement Proposal”) rather than the current one-time annual disbursement as ordered in Docket No. 18-035-39. RMP explains that since participation in Schedule 135 is now closed to new participants, RMP believes the value of excess generation credits is likely to remain the same into the future. Accordingly, RMP proposes an increase of \$0.54 to the monthly HELP credit, increasing the current maximum monthly credit from \$12.60 to \$13.14. RMP proposes to examine the credit in conjunction with its annual Report and to request a change to the credit, if needed.

On July 31, 2019, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) and the Office of Consumer Services (OCS) filed comments, and on August 15, 2019, RMP and the DPU filed reply comments. On August 21, 2019, RMP filed a revised Attachment B.

The DPU reviewed the current PSC net metering and interconnection reporting requirements (“Reporting Requirements”)¹ and recommends: 1) the PSC acknowledge the Report as complying with the Reporting Requirements; 2) RMP evaluate its Interconnection Report² and Attachment A for discrepancies, and refile them with the PSC if necessary; and 3) RMP add a table to Section 6 in its Report illustrating the Monthly Export in kWh for Schedule No. 136 customers. The DPU supports RMP’s Monthly Disbursement Proposal versus a one-time credit used in the past.

The OCS recommends the PSC acknowledge the Report as complying with the Reporting Requirements provided RMP: 1) addresses numerical discrepancies between the Report and Attachment A; and 2) files a new Attachment B, correcting the compensation value for expired energy to reflect June as a summer month. The OCS concludes RMP’s Monthly Disbursement Proposal is reasonable.

RMP’s reply comments provide a revised Report and Attachments A and B that it believes address all but one of the discrepancies raised in the filed comments. Regarding the difference identified by the OCS in the reported numbers for mixed solar and wind facilities in RMP’s 2017 and 2018 reports, RMP confirms the numbers in the Report are accurate and attributable to either the customers being inactive during the reporting period, having their solar disconnected, or a change in the resource type from mixed solar and wind to solar. Regarding its

¹ The reporting requirements are set forth in Docket Nos. 08-035-T04, 08-035-78, 10-035-58, 15-035-64, 17-035-31, and 18-035-28, and Utah Administrative Code R746-312-16.

² See *Rocky Mountain Power’s Customer Owned Generation and Net Metering Report and Attachment A for the Period April 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019*, RMP Attachment C – Interconnection Report, filed July 1, 2019, Docket No. 19-035-29.

Monthly Distribution Proposal, RMP requests the PSC approve the proposal and direct RMP to make a compliance tariff filing to update Electric Service Schedule No. 3, Low Income Lifeline Program - Residential Service, to reflect a maximum monthly low income lifeline credit of \$13.14.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on our review of RMP's revised Report and attachments and the parties' comments, we find the Report complies with the Reporting Requirements. We find RMP's request to credit monthly the anticipated excess generation credit to HELP participants reasonably ensures the benefit is more broadly applied to qualifying customers participating in the HELP program.

Accordingly, we acknowledge RMP's Report and conclude approval of its excess generation credit proposal is just and reasonable, and in the public interest.

ORDER

1. We acknowledge the Report as complying with the Reporting Requirements.
2. We approve RMP's proposed increase to the HELP credit of \$0.54.
3. We direct RMP to make a compliance filing in a new docket to update Electric Service Schedule No. 3, Low Income Lifeline Program - Residential Service, to reflect a maximum monthly low income lifeline credit of \$13.14.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 23, 2019.

/s/ Melanie A. Reif
Presiding Officer

Approved and Confirmed August 23, 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
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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 written 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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on August 23, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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