

Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 196, Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (STEP) Cost Adjustment Pilot Program	<u>DOCKET NO. 19-035-T12</u> <u>ORDER</u>
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ISSUED: August 20, 2019

APPLICATION

On July 23, 2019, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed an application (“Application”) with the Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting authorization to refund \$3.06 million collected for the Solar Incentive Program (“USIP”) through a reduction in the Electric Service Schedule No. 196, Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (“STEP”) Cost Adjustment Pilot Program rates.¹ RMP included in its filing the proposed modifications to Sheet No. 196.2 and requested an effective date of November 1, 2019 for these changes.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On August 8, 2019, Utah Clean Energy (UCE) filed comments and on August 9, 2019, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) and the Office of Consumer Services (OCS) also filed comments. The OCS and RMP filed reply comments on August 15, 2019 and August 16, 2019, respectively. No other party filed comments in the docket.

PARTIES' POSITIONS

The DPU and the OCS recommend the PSC approve RMP's Application. The DPU recommends the PSC direct RMP to include in its annual STEP and USIP status reports, an accounting of the USIP balance, including the current variable charges related to the timing of

¹ For special contract customers who are not subject to the STEP surcharge, RMP proposed to remove the USIP cost adjustment from their rates and issue a one-time refund.

the incentives, the variable carrying charge rates set annually under Electric Service Schedule No. 300, and the amounts actually refunded to customers based on customer usage. The DPU represents the proposed rates are reasonable and in the public interest.

UCE recommends surplus USIP revenue be credited to the STEP program and used for future STEP programs. In reply comments, the OCS reiterates its recommendation for approval of the Application and further recommends the PSC deny UCE's request to credit USIP funds to the STEP program. In its reply comments, RMP commits to providing an accounting of the USIP balance in the Annual STEP Report and Annual USIP Report, as the DPU requests. With respect to UCE's proposal, RMP states it is not authorized to allocate any funds to the STEP program beyond the \$10,000,000 annual amount set forth in Utah Code § 54-7-12.8(6)(a)(i). In addition, RMP observes unspent STEP program funds already exist and asserts adding additional funds to the STEP program at this time is not in the interest of customers.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on RMP's Application and the parties' filed comments, we find RMP's request to refund excess USIP funds is reasonable and in the public interest, as is the additional reporting the DPU suggested and RMP agreed to provide. Therefore, we approve RMP's Application and its proposed revisions to Schedule No. 196, Sheet No. 196.2.

ORDER

1. We approve the Application.
2. We approve RMP's proposed tariff revisions to Schedule No. 196, Sheet No. 196.2, effective November 1, 2019.

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3. RMP shall include the additional USIP balance reporting that the DPU requested in its August 9, 2019 comments in RMP's annual STEP and USIP status reports.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 20, 2019.

/s/ Michael J. Hammer
Presiding Officer

Approved and Confirmed August 20, 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 20, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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