

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Regulation No. 4, Supply and Use of Service	<u>DOCKET NO. 19-035-T14</u>  <u>ORDER</u>
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ISSUED: November 25, 2019

On September 25, 2019, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed Advice No. 19-14 proposing revisions to Electric Service Regulation No. 4, Supply and Use of Service ("Regulation 4"), Sheet Nos. 4R.2, 4R.3, and 4R.4. RMP's proposed modifications to Regulation 4 add a new option for customers to receive non-metered service for small usage devices ("SUD") under certain circumstances. RMP is proposing this change because providing unmetered service for loads under 2 kilowatts will benefit customers and minimally impact RMP's operations. RMP proposed an effective date of January 1, 2020 for these changes.

On October 10, 2019, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments. While the DPU is generally supportive of RMP's proposed changes to Regulation 4, it recommended the PSC not approve them until RMP provides a sample of the billing process for SUD customers.

On October 17, 2019, RMP filed reply comments, requesting the PSC suspend its proposed changes to Regulation 4 and issue a notice of comment period. On October 22, 2019, the PSC issued a notice of filing and comment period and an order suspending RMP's proposed revisions to Regulation 4.

On November 5, 2019, the DPU filed comments, recommending the PSC approve RMP's proposed changes to Regulation 4 with additional language to address monthly billing and the filing of an audit plan with the PSC related to SUDs. The DPU asserts the addition of SUD

customers to Regulation 4 is potentially necessary to accommodate changing or emerging technologies and concludes that the proposed changes are in the public interest.

On November 20, 2019, RMP filed reply comments supporting the DPU's additional language related to monthly billing and provided a revised sheet No. 4R.2 with the requested change. RMP also proposed the following audit plan in response to the DPU's recommendation:

“Each year the Company will send qualified personnel to test the current reading of at least one percent of its unmetered small usage devices to ensure participating customers have reported an accurate capacity. As conditions necessitate and particularly if a customer has under-reported its capacity levels, the Company may test additional devices.”<sup>1</sup>

RMP requests the PSC allow it some flexibility with the audit plan because it is currently unknown how many devices will be installed under the proposed SUD service. RMP recommends the PSC acknowledge the audit plan and approve its revised tariff sheets.

### **FINDINGS AND CONCLUSIONS**

Based on the comments filed in this docket, including the revisions made by RMP to address the DPU's concerns, we find and conclude RMP's tariff sheet revisions, including those proffered in its reply comments, are just and reasonable, and are in the public interest because they efficiently address changing and emerging technologies. Based on RMP's comments, we find RMP's audit plan reasonable and acknowledge it.

### **ORDER**

1. We approve RMP's proposed changes to Regulation 4, Sheet Nos. 4R.2, 4R.3, and 4R.4 filed on September 25, 2019 and updated on November 20, 2019.

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<sup>1</sup> RMP's November 20, 2019 Reply Comments at 2.

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2. We acknowledge RMP's SUD audit plan.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, November 25, 2019.

/s/ Michael J. Hammer  
Presiding Officer

Approved and Confirmed November 25, 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#311221

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.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on November 25, 2019, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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