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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: August 12, 2020

Re: Docket No. 20-030-01, Acknowledgement.

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge Moon Lake Electric Association (MLEA) Wildland Fire Protection Plan (WFPP) as complying with Utah Code § 54-24-203 – Wildland Fire Protection Plan for an Electric Cooperative.

Issue

Pursuant to Utah Code § 54-24-203, on July 13, 2020, MLEA filed its WFPP. On the same day, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division requesting the Division review MLEA's filing for compliance and make recommendations. The Commission asked the Division to report back by August 12, 2020. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

Discussion

Moon Lake Electric Association is a non-profit rural electric distribution cooperative. Utah Code § 54-24-203, requires electric cooperatives to prepare a Wildland Fire Protection Plan. The content of this plan includes wildfire risk analysis, wildfire prevention strategies and protocols, community outreach and education, etc. On July 13, 2020, MLEA filed its WFPP. The purpose of the filing was to comply with Utah code, protect the public, minimize the chance of the cooperative's power lines starting wildfires, and speed up the recovery from any wildfires that may occur.

The Division reviewed the filing and determined that it contains a point by point discussion of the requirements of the code. Therefore, the Division concludes that MLEA's filing is in compliance.

Conclusion

Based on its review of MLEA's filing , the Division recommends that the Commission acknowledge MLEA's filing as complying with Utah Code § 54-24-203.

Cc: Grant J. Earl, General Manager / CEO, Moon Lake Electric Association.
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