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3 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Good morning. This is
4 Thad LeVar, and we are here for a Public Service
5 Commission hearing in Docket 20-035-17, application of
6 Rocky Mountain Power for a deferred accounting order
7 regarding costs incurred due to the COVID-19 public
8 health emergency.

9 I have confirmed that Commissioners David
10 Clark and Ron Allen are also on the line for this
11 hearing. Before we go to appearances, I will just remind
12 everyone, if you're not speaking, please mute your phone.
13 And I know sometimes it's hard to unmute it when you need
14 to speak, but that helps the audio quality quite a bit.
15 And then please identify yourself when you speak too, and
16 that helps the transcript be more accurate when we do
17 that.

18 So with that, why don't we go for appearances
19 for Rocky Mountain Power?

20 MR. MCDERMOTT: Yes, thank you, Chairman
21 LeVar. This is Jacob McDermott.

22 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you,
23 Mr. McDermott.

24 MR. MCDERMOTT: Sorry, this is Jacob
25 McDermott, counsel for Rocky Mountain Power.

1 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Thank you.

2 For the Division of Public Utilities.

3 MS. SCHMID: Good morning and thank you.

4 This is Patricia E. Schmid, S-C-H-M-I-D, representing the
5 Division of Public Utilities. I am an assistant attorney
6 general. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Thank you, Ms. Schmid.

8 And for the Office of Consumer Services.

9 MR. MOORE: Yes, this is Robert Moore,
10 attorney general's office, representing the Office of
11 Consumer Services. I have with me today as our witness,
12 Donna Ramas. She is a consultant for the office.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you,
14 Mr. Moore.

15 Any preliminary matters before we move to
16 Rocky Mountain Power?

17 MR. MCDERMOTT: Nothing for the Company.
18 Thank you, chairman.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

20 I'm not hearing anyone else indicate anything
21 preliminary, so we will move to Rocky Mountain Power now.
22 Mr. McDermott.

23 MR. MCDERMOTT: Thank you. The Company would
24 like to call Steven R. McDougal to testify for the
25 company.

1 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

2 Mr. McDougal, are you on the line?

3 MR. MCDUGAL: Yes, I am.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Do you swear to tell the
5 truth?

6 MR. MCDUGAL: Yes.

7 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

8 Mr. McDermott, you can go ahead.

9 DIRECT EXAMINATION

10 BY MR. MCDERMOTT:

11 Q. Mr. McDougal, would you please spell your
12 full name, state your title with the Company and provide
13 your business address, please?

14 A. Yes. My name is Steven R. McDougal, the last
15 name is M-C-D-O-U-G-A-L. I'm the director of revenue
16 requirements for the Company. My business address is
17 1407 West North Temple, Salt Lake City, Utah 84116.

18 Q. Thank you, Mr. McDougal. Have you
19 prepared -- first, I would ask if you are prepared to
20 adopt the Company's application and its reply comments as
21 your testimony in this proceeding?

22 A. Yes, I am.

23 Q. And have you prepared a summary of that
24 testimony for us today?

25 A. Yes.

1 Q. Could you share that with us, please?

2 A. Yes. On April 3, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power,
3 a division of PacifiCorp, submitted an application for an
4 accounting order authorizing the Company to record a
5 regulatory asset associated with costs incurred as part
6 of the Company's response to the COVID-19 public health
7 emergency.

8 On July 21, 2020, the company filed reply
9 comments, responding to the comments of the Division of
10 Public Utilities and the Office of Consumer Services.
11 Before proceeding with the summary, there is one
12 correction to the Company's reply comments, filed on July
13 21, 2020, that I would like to make.

14 If I could have the parties turn to page 3 of
15 the reply comment, this is in the Section 3. It is the
16 second paragraph. It begins with "Waived late fees."

17 In that sentence, the word "included" should
18 be deleted and replaced with the words "tracked for
19 possible inclusions."

20 Therefore, the sentence as rewritten should
21 read, "Waived late fees should be tracked for possible
22 inclusions in the deferral account."

23 Usually I wait to see if everybody's got it.
24 Where I cannot see, I'm assuming that everybody has made
25 that change and I will proceed.

1 In the original application, the company
2 noted that beginning March 16th, in response to the
3 COVID-19 public health emergency, Rocky Mountain Power
4 suspended disconnection activity for nonpayment on all
5 nonmanaged accounts, and upon request, waived late fees
6 and reconnection fees for these same customers.

7 These actions were intended to assist
8 customers facing extraordinary circumstances as a result
9 of the pandemic and to support Utah's ongoing efforts to
10 limit and slow the spread of the disease.

11 Rocky Mountain Power asks for authorization
12 from the Commission to defer for potential future
13 recovery certain costs incurred related to the Company's
14 response to benefit customers during the COVID-19 public
15 health emergency.

16 To account for the unanticipated cost of its
17 response, the Company requested that the Commission
18 approve the establishment of a deferral account to record
19 the incremental cost associated -- excuse me, associated
20 with the increase in bad debt expense associated with the
21 COVID-19 emergency.

22 The Company also intends to establish a
23 tracking account to monitor additional costs associated
24 with the COVID-19 emergency, including any fees waived
25 for possible approval for deferral and recovery in a

1 future proceeding.

2 Even though it is not currently possible to
3 fully anticipate the scope of the cost impacts related to
4 the COVID-19 emergency, the Company filed for
5 authorization for deferred accounting at that time
6 because of the potential magnitude of the costs.

7 The risk associated -- related to Rocky
8 Mountain Power's response are also well outside the
9 ordinary business risk for the Company. Deferred
10 accounting will help the Company track the costs driven
11 by COVID-19.

12 The Company is unable to fully estimate the
13 total cost will be incurred due to its COVID-19 responses
14 at this time given the many unknowns, including how long
15 the emergency situation is likely to continue. The
16 Company is proposing to use calendar year 2019 as its
17 baseline for bad debt expenses as shown in the
18 application. Costs incurred in excess of the baseline
19 would be recorded in the deferral accounts.

20 The Company also proposed to record a
21 carrying charge on the COVID-19 related deferral as the
22 Commission-approved carrying charge rate.

23 The Company acknowledges that the
24 Commission's approval of deferred accounting treatment
25 for COVID-19 related costs will not, in itself,

1 constitute approval of ultimate recovery of these costs.
2 Recovery of the costs would be subject to a prudence
3 review and a final decision on rate recovery in a future
4 regulatory filing.

5 In recognition of the unanticipated and
6 unprecedented nature of the COVID-19 emergency, the
7 potential need to include additional cost categories is
8 the situation evolves, the Company proposed to provide
9 updates approximately 30 days after the end of each
10 quarter to the Commission, the Division of Public
11 Utilities, or DPU, and the Office of Consumer Services,
12 or OCS, and any other interested parties.

13 In these quarterly updates, the Company
14 commits to provide deferral amount for bad debt expense
15 and any other COVID-19 cost identified and being tracked
16 as of that time. The Company proposes a first quarterly
17 update filing be due on or about November 1, 2020, which
18 is, roughly, 30 days past the end of the third quarter of
19 2020.

20 In the reply comments filed on July 21, the
21 Company noted that the OCS and the Division did not
22 contest the Company's proposed method for calculating and
23 tracking bad debt expense. The Company also agrees to
24 provide additional reporting as requested by OCS, to seek
25 approval from the Commission before including any

1 additional COVID-19 related expenses in its regulatory
2 asset, and to seek approval from the Commission if it
3 believes it is appropriate to extend the deferral beyond
4 December 31, 2020.

5 The Company will continue to track other
6 costs, and as stated in the application, if the Company
7 determines these costs should be deferred, it will make a
8 separate filing in this docket to provide an explanation
9 why deferral and potential recovery is appropriate and
10 what baseline will be used to calculate the deferrals for
11 that cost category.

12 This would allow for an opportunity for
13 interested parties to provide input, conduct discovery
14 and make recommendations to the Commission.

15 Consistent with past practice of regulatory
16 assets and liabilities, the Company should be permitted
17 to book a carrying charge on the amounts in the deferred
18 account. The Company is carrying the bad debt deferral
19 cost until it is permitted to cover them, and therefore,
20 should be allowed to apply a carrying charge to the
21 amount in the deferral account to account for the time
22 value of money similar to other deferrals.

23 The OCS argued that this results in a benefit
24 to shareholders as a result of the COVID-19 epidemic.
25 However, the Company is not asking for a full rate of

1 return but the lower customer deposit rate, which is
2 applied to most deferrals. This does not provide a
3 benefit to the Company. It just provides a return to the
4 Company to cover the time value of money.

5 In conclusion, I recommend that, based upon
6 the reasons above, the Commission approve Rocky Mountain
7 Power's request for an accounting order to report
8 COVID-19 related costs, including the deferral of late
9 fees waived and a carrying charge -- excuse me, not
10 including the deferral of late fees waived. That is
11 something that we will request later.

12 The Company agrees that whether recovery of
13 the deferred expenses are appropriate should be
14 considered at a later proceeding. The Company also
15 agrees to provide reports as requested by the OCS and to
16 seek permission from the Commission before including any
17 additional category of COVID-19 related cost or extending
18 deferrals beyond December 31, 2020.

19 Thank you.

20 Q. Thank you, Mr. McDougal. I have one
21 follow-up question -- pardon me? I have one follow-up
22 question based on your summary.

23 The Office, in their reply comment, noted
24 that there is a materiality consideration with respect to
25 deferred -- recovery of deferred costs. What is the

1 Company's position on the materiality of deferred costs?

2 A. Well, as of right now, the Company does not
3 know the materiality of these costs. As mentioned, we
4 are still tracking, and what we do know is the Company
5 has seen an increase in our arrearages and our number of
6 customers that are past due. We know that that will be
7 followed by bad debt expense. We just do not know the
8 level at this time.

9 When the Company seeks recovery of those
10 costs, if we file for recovery of those costs, it will
11 all depend upon the facts and circumstances at that time,
12 and the Company will need to put forth its case and the
13 Commission will need to make a decision based upon the
14 facts as presented.

15 Q. Thank you, Mr. McDougal.

16 MR. MCDERMOTT: The Company would like to
17 make Mr. McDougal available for cross-examination at this
18 time.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. This is Thad
20 LeVar. Thank you, Mr. McDermott.

21 I don't believe we had a motion to admit any
22 of these materials in as evidence. Did you intend to do
23 that?

24 MR. MCDERMOTT: Oh, yes, my apologies.

25 The Company would seek to admit the

1 application and reply comments adopted as Mr. McDougal's
2 testimony into evidence at this time.

3 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Ms. Schmid or
4 Mr. Moore, if you have any objection to that, please
5 speak up.

6 And I'm not -- I'm not hearing any objection
7 from either, so the motion is granted. Thank you.

8 MR. MCDERMOTT: Thank you.

9 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: And with that,
10 Ms. Schmid, do you have any questions for Mr. McDougal?

11 MS. SCHMID: Yes, I do.

12 CROSS-EXAMINATION

13 BY MS. SCHMID:

14 Q. This is Patricia Schmid representing the
15 Division. Mr. McDougal, in your comments, you mentioned
16 nonmanaged accounts. What is a nonmanaged account?

17 A. Okay. As noted in the original filing, the
18 Company has certain large accounts which are managed.
19 Those accounts are not eligible and are not included in
20 this deferral request.

21 Q. How are these accounts managed?

22 A. These accounts -- the Company has a group
23 that manages our large contracts, and that, basically,
24 they have what's called an account manager. Their
25 account manager works with the customers and deals with

1 them. They are, like I said, our larger accounts.

2 Q. Thank you very much. I have no further
3 questions.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Thank you, Ms. Schmid.
5 Mr. Moore, do you have any questions for
6 Mr. McDougal?

7 MR. MOORE: No questions from the OCS. Thank
8 you.

9 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you,
10 Mr. Moore.

11 Mr. McDermott, do you have any redirect
12 follow up to Ms. Schmid'S questions?

13 MR. MCDERMOTT: No redirect at this time.
14 Thank you, Chairman.

15 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you,
16 Mr. McDougal.

17 I will go to Commissioner Allen. Do you have
18 any questions for Mr. McDougal?

19 COMMISSIONER ALLEN: I do not.

20 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.
21 Commissioner Clark, do you have any
22 questions?

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: Pardon me, yes, I have a
24 question.

25 EXAMINATION

1 BY COMMISSIONER CLARK:

2 Q. It relates to the statements, Mr. McDougal,
3 that you made about materiality and the subsequent
4 showing that the Company will make with respect to the
5 materiality of the amounts and the deferred account, if
6 it's authorized.

7 And I just want to make sure that my
8 understanding is clear and the record is clear that -- as
9 to the following point: What I understood you to say is
10 that the Company accepts that it will have a burden to
11 establish that the costs that -- for which it seeks
12 recovery are material; is that true?

13 A. That is true. We will be bound to show,
14 based upon the legal precedent, the criteria for a
15 deferral, which includes some level of materiality.

16 Q. Thank you. That's the only question I have.

17 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Thank you, Commissioner
18 Clark.

19 And I don't have any additional questions, so
20 thank you for your testimony this morning, Mr. McDougal.

21 THE WITNESS: Thank you.

22 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Mr. McDermott, do you
23 have any else for Rocky Mountain Power?

24 MR. MCDERMOTT: No further witnesses from
25 Rocky Mountain Power and nothing else at this time.

1 Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

2 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

3 Ms. Schmid, we will go to you.

4 MS. SCHMID: Thank you. The Division would
5 like to call Mr. Jeff Einfeldt as its witness. May he
6 please be sworn?

7 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Mr. Einfeldt, are you on
8 the line?

9 MR. EINFELDT: Yes, I am.

10 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Do you swear to tell the
11 truth?

12 MR. EINFELDT: Yes, I do.

13 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

14 Ms. Schmid, go ahead.

15 DIRECT EXAMINATION

16 BY MS. SCHMID:

17 Q. Good morning Mr. Einfeldt. Could you please
18 spell your full name for the record?

19 A. My full name is Jeffrey S. Einfeldt. It's
20 J-E-F-F-R-E-Y, middle initial S, as in Samuel, Einfeldt
21 is E-I-N-F-E-L-D-T.

22 Q. By whom are you employed and what is your
23 title?

24 A. I am employed by the Division of Public
25 Utilities. I'm a technical consultant.

1 Q. What is the business address for the
2 Division?

3 A. Business address is 160 East 300 South, Salt
4 Lake City, ZIP code 84114.

5 Q. In connection with your employment by the
6 Division, have you participated on behalf of the Division
7 in this docket?

8 A. Yes, I have.

9 Q. Did you participate in the activities leading
10 to the filing of the DPU's comments, dated June 1, 2020,
11 in this docket?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. Do you have any changes or corrections to
14 those comments?

15 A. No.

16 Q. Do you adopt those comments as part your
17 testimony here today?

18 A. Yes.

19 MS. SCHMID: The Division would like to move
20 for the admission of the Division's comments filed June
21 1st in this docket.

22 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you,
23 Ms. Schmid.

24 Mr. McDermott or Mr. Moore, if either of you
25 have an objection to this motion, please indicate it.

1 MR. MCDERMOTT: No objection from the
2 Company, thank you.

3 MR. MOORE: No objection from the OCS.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. The
5 motion is granted.

6 Ms. Schmid, you can go ahead.

7 MS. SCHMID: Thank you.

8 BY MS. SCHMID:

9 Q. Mr. Einfeldt, do you have comments you would
10 like to make today?

11 A. I would just like to refer the Commission and
12 the other interested parties to the conclusion section of
13 our initial filing, our action request response, which
14 states the following: The Division believes Rocky
15 Mountain Power's application for deferred accounting
16 order for bad debt related to costs identified with
17 regard to the COVID-19 public health emergency meets the
18 burden of an unforeseen and extraordinary event
19 generally.

20 Materiality of the cost is unknown at this
21 time. The Division recommends the application be
22 approved, conditioned on review and approval of actual
23 costs submitted in the future, pursuant to the method
24 described in the application.

25 The Division also recommends that Rocky

1 Mountain Power analyze, track and report potential
2 COVID-19 related savings to mitigate the costs. These
3 conditions -- with these conditions, the Division
4 believes approval of the application is just, reasonable
5 and in the public interest.

6 And that concludes what I have to say.

7 Q. Thank you.

8 MS. SCHMID: Mr. McDermott [sic] is now
9 available for cross-examination questions and questions
10 from the Commission. The Division has nothing further at
11 this point, unless we have redirect.

12 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you,
13 Ms. Schmid.

14 Mr. Moore, do you have any questions for
15 Mr. Einfeldt?

16 MR. MOORE: I have no questions.

17 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Thank you.

18 Mr. McDermott, do you have any questions.

19 MR. MCDERMOTT: No questions. Thank you very
20 much.

21 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

22 Commissioner Clark, do you have any?

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have no questions,
24 thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Thank you.

1 Commissioner Allen?

2 COMMISSIONER ALLEN: Thanks, I have no
3 questions.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: And I don't either.
5 So, Mr. Einfeldt, thank you for your
6 testimony this morning.

7 And, Ms. Schmid, I think you -- go ahead,
8 Ms. Schmid.

9 MS. SCHMID: With that, the Division has
10 nothing further.

11 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.
12 We will go to Mr. Moore.

13 MR. MOORE: Yes, the Office of Consumer
14 Services calls Dana -- Donna Ramas and ask that she be
15 sworn.

16 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Thank you, Mr. Moore.
17 Ms. Ramas, are you on the line?

18 MS. RAMAS: Yes, I am.

19 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Do you swear to tell the
20 truth?

21 MS. RAMAS: Yes, I do.

22 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.
23 Mr. Moore, go ahead.

24 DIRECT EXAMINATION

25 BY MR. MOORE:

1 Q. Ms. Ramas, could you state and spell your
2 name, your business address, and say for whom you are
3 testifying today?

4 A. Yes. My name is Donna Ramas, D-O-N-N-A, last
5 name, R-A-M-A-S. My business address is 4654 Driftwood
6 Drive, Commerce Township, Michigan, ZIP code 48382, and
7 I'm testifying on behalf of the Utah Office of Consumer
8 Services.

9 Q. Have you reviewed the records in this case,
10 Docket 20-035-17, and did you assist in the preparation
11 of the OCS June 2, 2020 initial comments?

12 A. Yes, I did.

13 Q. Do you have any changes you would like to
14 make to these comments at this time?

15 A. Yes, I do have a change, beginning -- if the
16 Commissioner and parties can turn to page 6 of the
17 initial comments filed June 2nd, under the area of
18 "carrying charges" -- and as a brief background to these
19 changes, I would like to explain at the time I
20 prepared -- or assisted in the preparation of these
21 comments, I was under the understanding that the
22 requested carrying charges would be based on the rate of
23 return, which would include an equity component.

24 And upon reviewing the Company's reply
25 comments, I realized that assumption was an error, and

1 that a shareholder return would not be included as a
2 component of the carrying charges.

3 So as a result of that understanding, at the
4 bottom of page 6, under "Requested carrying charge," I
5 would like to delete the sentence that states, "Included
6 in carrying charges are not only debt, but also profit to
7 shareholders through the equity return component." That
8 sentence should be deleted in full.

9 And then if you turn to the next page, page
10 7, at the very end of that section, again, at the time I
11 wrote this, I was under the understanding or wrong
12 assumption that a shareholder return would be included.
13 And based on my corrected understanding, I would like to
14 delete the words, "particularly distasteful," and replace
15 it with "disappointed" -- or "disappointing."

16 And then that would complete the corrections.

17 Q. Other than those changes, if I asked you
18 questions concerning the statement, are your
19 recommendations made in the June 2nd initial comments,
20 would your answer be the same as the statements,
21 arguments and representations contained in the June 2nd
22 comments?

23 A. Yes, they would.

24 Q. Do you adopt the June 2, 2020 initial
25 comments as your testimony today?

1 A. Yes, as corrected, I do.

2 MR. MOORE: The Office asks for the
3 submission of the June 2nd comments, for the submission
4 of the comments?

5 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: You're talking about
6 both -- are you talking about both comments and reply
7 comments, Mr. Moore, or just the comments?

8 MR. MOORE: Just the initial comments as
9 testimony. The reply comments were legal in nature, and
10 they are in the record.

11 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay.

12 MR. MOORE: So we thought we would just limit
13 her testimony to the initial comments on June 2nd.

14 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. That
15 is clear.

16 Mr. McDermott or Ms. Schmid, any objection to
17 the motion?

18 MR. MCDERMOTT: No objection from the
19 Company. Thank you, Chairman.

20 MS. SCHMID: No objection from the Division.

21 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you. The
22 motion's granted.

23 Mr. Moore, you can go ahead.

24 BY MR. MOORE:

25 Q. Have you prepared a statement of the OCS's

1 position in this docket?

2 A. Yes, I have.

3 Q. Please proceed.

4 A. Okay. Good morning, Chairman and
5 Commissioners. At this stage of the docket, there is
6 much that the Company and the OCS are in agreement on.
7 The Company agreed in its reply comments that the
8 determination of whether or not the requested regulatory
9 asset meets the standard for deferred accounting orders
10 and whether recovery of the deferred expenses is
11 appropriate should be considered in a later proceeding.

12 At that time, more information, regarding
13 both the magnitude of the cost incurred and impact of the
14 public health emergency should be known.

15 The Company has also agreed to provide the
16 additional information recommended by the OCS in the
17 quarterly report it proposes to file in this docket, and
18 agrees that it will seek approval prior to including
19 additional COVID-19 related expenses ins a regulatory
20 asset.

21 The Company also agrees to seek Commission
22 approval if it believes it is appropriate to extend the
23 deferral period beyond December 31, 2020.

24 At this time, I am only aware of a few
25 disagreements between the Company and the OCS in this

1 docket. The first difference is associated with late
2 fees. And, again, this is with the clarification
3 provided earlier today by Mr. McDougal.

4 The OCS recommends that the write-off of
5 incremental late fees cause by COVID-19 public health
6 emergency not be allowed for inclusion in the requested
7 regulatory asset at issue in this hearing.

8 And, again, this is the incremental write-off
9 of late fees that would be included as part of bad debt
10 expense that would, potentially, be included in the
11 regulatory assets.

12 Additionally, in light of the significant
13 impact on customers resulting from the public health
14 emergency, the OCS recommends that carrying charges not
15 be applied to the COVID-19 related deferrals.

16 The OCS also recommends that whether or not
17 there would be a sharing of the amounts accumulated in
18 the regulatory asset between RMP and its ratepayers
19 should be decided by the Commission as a future time when
20 the full extent of the public health emergency on Utah's
21 citizens and businesses can be evaluated.

22 I don't believe that -- or, at least, I'm not
23 aware of the Company taking a position on potential
24 sharing of the amount, so I'm not certain if that's in
25 dispute or not, but it's something that the Office

1 recommends be determined at a future time.

2 And that concludes my statement. Thank you.

3 MR. MOORE: And Ms. Ramas is now

4 available -- excuse me. Ms. Ramas is available for

5 questions from the Commission and cross-examination.

6 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. This is Thad

7 LeVar. Thank you, Mr. Moore.

8 Ms. Schmid, do you have any questions for

9 Ms. Ramas?

10 MS. SCHMID: The Division has no questions.

11 Thank you.

12 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

13 Mr. McDermott, any questions?

14 MR. MCDERMOTT: No questions from the Company

15 either. Thank you, Chairman.

16 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

17 Commissioner Allen, do you have any

18 questions?

19 COMMISSIONER ALLEN: No questions. Thank

20 you.

21 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Commissioner

22 Clark?

23 COMMISSIONER CLARK: I have no questions.

24 Thank you.

25 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.

1 And I don't have any either. So thank you
2 for your testimony, Ms. Ramas.

3 THE WITNESS: You are welcome.

4 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Mr. Moore, anything
5 further from the Office?

6 MR. MOORE: The Office has nothing more.
7 Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you.
9 Anything further from any party at this
10 point?

11 MR. MCDERMOTT: Nothing further from the
12 Company. Thank you.

13 MS. SCHMID: Nothing further from the
14 Division. Thank you.

15 MR. MOORE: Nothing further for OCS.

16 COMMISSIONER LEVAR: Okay. Thank you all for
17 your participation in this hearing today. We will issue
18 a written order on this matter. And at this point, the
19 hearing is adjourned. Thank you.

20 (The hearing was adjourned at 10:31 A.M.)
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REPORTER'S CERTIFICATE

State of Utah)
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County of Salt Lake)

I hereby certify that the witnesses in the foregoing hearing were duly sworn to testify to the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth in the within-entitled cause;

That said hearing was taken at the time and place herein named;

That the testimony of said witnesses were reported by me in stenotype and thereafter transcribed into typewritten form.

I further certify that I am not of kin or otherwise associated with any of the parties of said cause of action and that I am not interested in the events thereof.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand this 14th day of August, 2020.



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