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Re: *Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Major Event Exclusion for the Earthquake-Related Events that Occurred on March 18, 2020 – Major Event No. 48; Docket No. 20-035-19*

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed the April 10, 2020 filing by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) requesting Major Event exclusion for the earthquake-related events occurring on March 18, 2020 (“Event”). If the request is approved, RMP indicates it will exclude outage information for the Event from its network performance reporting and from customer guarantee failure payments. The PSC also reviewed the May 7, 2020 comments from the Division of Public Utilities (DPU).

DPU recommends the PSC approve RMP’s application for a Major Event exclusion. DPU determined the System Average Interruption Duration Index value of 14.6 minutes for the Event exceeded the threshold of 5.08 minutes that defines a Major Event under the method adopted by the PSC;<sup>1</sup> therefore the Event is a Major Event and should be excluded from RMP’s network performance reporting. DPU states RMP’s restoration effort was adequate.

Based on the PSC’s review of RMP’s filing and DPU’s comments and recommendation, RMP’s request for a Major Event exclusion is approved.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
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<sup>1</sup> Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers’ 2.5 Beta method, approved by the PSC in Docket No. 98-2035-04.