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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: November 16, 2020

Re: **Docket No. 20-035-31, Compliance Filing** - with Docket No. 09-035-T08, Rocky Mountain Power's Demand-Side Management program expenditures.

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge Rocky Mountain Power's (Company) compliance with the Phase I Stipulation Order issued on August 25, 2009, in Docket No. 09-035-T08. No further action by the Commission is necessary.

Issue

On November 6, 2020, the Company filed with the Commission a letter reporting that as of September 2020, year-to-date expenditures for the Home Energy Reports Program exceeded 90 percent of the forecasted level prior to December 1st of the current year. On November 6, 2020, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division to review the letter and make recommendations on the Company's filing by December 7, 2020. This memorandum is in response to the Commission's Action Request.

Discussion

On August 25, 2009, the Commission issued an Order approving the Phase I Stipulation in Docket No. 09-035-T08. The Phase I Stipulation required that “In the event that expenditures for the Company’s Demand-Side Management (DSM) programs reach 90 percent of the forecasted level prior to December 1st of that year, Rocky Mountain Power shall notify the Office, Division, Commission, and DSM Advisory Group (Steering Committee)”¹ that the 90-percent threshold had been reached. The Company noted that Home Energy Reports Program actual expenditures as of September 2020 were \$794,949. This is approximately 93.5 percent of the 2020 forecast amount of \$850,080, which was filed in Docket No. 19-035-28 on November 1, 2019. The Company’s latest forecast report filed November 2, 2020, in Docket No. 20-035-31 projects the Home Energy Reports Program expenditures to be \$1,094,949.

The Company notes that “The increased Program expenditures are a result of opening the Program in 2020 to any customer with an email address on file amounting to over 100,000 additional customers receiving reports. The Program was opened to meet customer requests and satisfaction. Home Energy Reports continue to inform customers about their energy usage and give customers the tools they need to help make energy efficient decisions in their homes.”²

Conclusion

Based on its review of the Company’s filing the Division concludes that the Company is in compliance with the Commission Order dated August 25, 2009, in Docket No. 09-035-T08. The Division recommends acknowledgement of this filing.

Cc: Michael Snow, Rocky Mountain Power
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Service List

¹ Rocky Mountain Power DSM Expenditures Stipulation, Docket No. 09-035-T08, August 25, 2009, Page 4, Note 11.

² Rocky Mountain Power Compliance Filing, Docket No. 20-035-31, November 6, 2020.