
Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 196, Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (STEP) Cost Adjustment Pilot Program	<u>DOCKET NO. 20-035-T08</u>
	<u>ORDER</u>

ISSUED: October 19, 2020

APPLICATION

On September 16, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed an application (“Application”) with the Public Service Commission of Utah (PSC) requesting authorization to discontinue the approximate \$3 million refund related to the Solar Incentive Program (“USIP”) approved by the PSC on August 20, 2019, in Docket No. 19-035-T12.¹ The Application will result in an increase in the Electric Service Schedule No. 196, Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (STEP) Cost Adjustment Pilot Program rates.² RMP included in its filing the proposed modifications to Sheet No. 196.2, and requested these modifications take effect on November 1, 2020.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On September 22, 2020, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments and no party filed reply comments in this docket. No other party participated in this docket.

PARTIES' POSITIONS

RMP estimates it will have credited approximately \$3.0 million to customers over the 12-month refund period approved in Docket No. 19-035-T12, and that the remaining USIP

¹ *Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 196, Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan (STEP) Cost Adjustment Pilot Program* (Order issued August 20, 2019); Docket No. 19-035-T12.

² For special contract customers who are not subject to the STEP surcharge, RMP proposed to remove the USIP cost adjustment from their rates and issue a one-time refund.

balance at the end of 2023 will be approximately \$600,000. RMP proposes this balance be retained, accruing applicable carrying charges, to provide a cushion for the remaining USIP obligations. RMP states the use of USIP funds remaining at the end of the program will be discussed with parties and a proposal presented to the PSC when USIP nears completion.

DPU recommends the PSC approve RMP's proposed revisions to Schedule 196, Sheet 196.2 and that RMP continue to report variable USIP costs in RMP's annual STEP status and USIP reports. DPU states the proposed tariff sheet does not constitute a violation of state law or PSC rule, and the proposed rates are just and reasonable, and in the public interest.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the Application and DPU's September 22, 2020 comments, we find RMP's request to discontinue the approximate \$3.0 million refund approved in Docket No. 19-035-T12, and continued reporting of the variable program costs in RMP's Annual STEP Status and Annual USIP Reports, are in the public interest, and conclude the proposed rates are just and reasonable. Accordingly, we approve RMP's Application and its proposed revisions to Schedule No. 196, Sheet No. 196.2.

ORDER

1. We approve the Application.
2. We approve RMP's proposed tariff revisions to Schedule No. 196, Sheet No. 196.2, effective November 1, 2020.
3. RMP shall continue to report USIP costs in the annual STEP and USIP status reports.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 19, 2020.

/s/ Michael J. Hammer
Presiding Officer

Approved and Confirmed October 19, 2020, as the Order of the Public Service
Commission of Utah.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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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 written 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 30 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 October 19, 2020, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served upon the following as indicated below:

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