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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: December 1, 2021

Re: **Docket No. 21-025-01**, Empire Electric Association, Inc. Wildland Fire Protection Plan Annual Compliance Report.

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge Empire Electric Association, Inc.'s (Empire Electric) November 15, 2021 filing as complying with Utah Code §54-24-203(4)(b).

Issue

On November 15, 2021, Empire Electric filed a copy of its annual Wildland Fire Protection Plan (WFPP) compliance report. On the same date, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division asking the Division to review the filing for compliance and make recommendations. The Commission asked the Division to report back by December 15, 2021. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Action Request.

Discussion

Utah Code §54-24-203(4) requires electric cooperatives to (a) file with the governing authority an annual report detailing the electric cooperative's compliance with the WFPP; and (b) file with the Commission a copy of the annual compliance report. The report was reviewed and approved by the Empire Electric's Board of Directors at its November 12, 2021 meeting and was filed with the Commission on November 15, 2021. The Division has reviewed the filing and recommends the Commission acknowledge that Empire Electric has complied with Utah Code §54-24-203(4)(b).

Cc: Michele Beck, Office of Consumer Services
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