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December 6, 2021

Mr. Josh Dellinger  
General Manager  
Empire Electric Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box K  
Cortez, CO 81321

Re: *Empire Electric Association, Inc.'s Wildland Fire Protection Plan,*  
Docket No. 21-025-01

Dear Mr. Dellinger,

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Empire Electric Association's ("Empire") November 15, 2021 filing of its Wildland Fire Protection Plan Compliance Report ("Report"). The Report documents the implementation of Empire's Wildland Fire Protection Plan (WFPP) originally filed on May 11, 2020 pursuant to Utah Code Title 54, Chapter 24, Wildland Fire Planning and Cost Recovery Act. Empire filed an update to the WFPP on April 28, 2021. In addition to completing maintenance, inspections, and identifying needed improvements in accordance with the WFPP, Empire states in the Report that it utilized system protection devices in high risk areas in response to an April 4, 2021 Utah red flag warning.

The PSC also reviewed the December 1, 2021 comments filed by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU). DPU comments that Empire Electric's Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Report at its November 12, 2021 meeting and recommends that the PSC acknowledge that the Report complies with Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(4)(b).

Based on the PSC's review of the Report and DPU's comments and recommendation, the PSC acknowledges the Report as complying with Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(4)(b). Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(5), the Report is available for public inspection at the PSC.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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