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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

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Date: December 15, 2021

Re: **Docket No. 21-028-T03**, Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.'s Proposed Tariff Revisions.

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.'s (Garkane) proposed Electric Service Tariff Schedule (Tariff) with the effective date of January 1, 2022.

Issue

On December 1, 2021, Garkane sent an email to the Commission informing it of certain tariff changes recently approved by its board. On that same day, the Commission issued an Action Request directing the Division to perform an investigation into the filing with a due date of December 15, 2021. On December 9, 2021, Garkane emailed the Commission informing it that there was an error on its original correspondence regarding the effective date of the tariff. The correct effective date is January 1, 2022, not December 1, 2022, as originally stated.

This correspondence is the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

Background and Discussion

Garkane's email notice to the Commission stated that "On October 25, 2021, following a properly noticed public meeting of its members, Garkane Energy approved the following rates for its Utah Tariffs: (see attached outline of Schedules)." It also stated that that it didn't "have all the tariffs edited and redlined yet but wanted to give notice to the Commission 30 days in advance." After completing the editing of the tariffs, it committed to "mail the original schedules and two copies (redline and original)" to the Commission. These draft tariff sheets were emailed to the Division to enable it to perform its investigation. The Division also had several conversations with Garkane management, during this investigation.

In compliance with Utah Admin. Code 54-7-12(7), notices were published in the local newspapers throughout Garkane's service territory. Additionally, Garkane held a public hearing on October 25, 2021, soliciting member's comments on the proposed changes. Garkane's board approved the proposed changes during this public hearing.

Additionally, Utah Admin. Code 54-3-3 requires utilities to provide at least 30 days' notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of changes to the utility's "...rate, fare, toll, rental, charge or classification...". In this instance, Garkane filed the tariff with the Commission on December 1, 2021, specifying an effective date of January 1, 2022, thereby providing the requisite 30 days' notice.

Finally, Utah Admin. Code R746-405-2(D)(6) requires utilities to provide both clean and marked-up versions of tariff sheets identifying the tariff sheet changes. Garkane has indicated these will be forthcoming and the Division has no reason to assume otherwise.

Since the rates for the Arizona and Colorado City customers of Garkane are not relevant for this Commission, the Division has summarized the tariff changes applicable to Utah customers from the attachment from the December 1, 2021, email and separated them into two matrixes. The first matrix represents the current and proposed rates and schedules applicable to all Utah customers except those who obtain service under the Hildale tariff schedules. The second matrix represents

the current and proposed rate schedules applicable only those taking service under the Hildale tariff schedules as follows:

**Changes in Representative Utah Rate Schedules
in Dollars**

Classification	Existing	Proposed	Change Amt
Power Cost, per kWh Sold	0.043437	0.043437	0.001887
WPCA Base Cost, per kWh Sold	0.035346	0.043437	0.001535
WPCA Factor, per kWh	0.008091	0.000000	-0.008091
Residential – Utah			
Base Charge	22.00	27.00	5.00
Minimum Bill	35.00	35.00	0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh per month	0.075000	0.075800	0.000800
Residential TOU – Utah			
Base Charge	27.00	30.00	3.00
Minimum Bill	40.00	40.00	0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh per month			
On-Peak kWh	0.102500	0.110000	0.007500
Off-Peak kWh	0.052500	0.055000	0.002500
General Service No. 1-Utah			
Base Charge	25.00	30.00	5.00
Minimum Bill	35.00	35.00	0.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW			
First 3 Billing kW per month	2.00	3.00	1.00
Over 3 Billing kW per month	7.50	7.50	0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh per month	0.060600	0.067400	0.006800
General Service No. 2-Utah			
Base Charge	30.00	38.00	8.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	8.55	9.65	1.10
Energy Charge, per kWh	0.062800	0.063100	0.000300
General Service No.3			

Base Charge	35.00	43.00	8.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	9.95	10.05	0.10
Energy Charge, per kWh	0.090100	0.090100	0.000000

General Service TOU-Utah			
Base Charge	30.00	35.00	5.00
Demand Charge, per kW			
First	3 Billing kW per month	2.00	3.00
Over	3 Billing kW per month	7.50	7.50
On Peak Energy Charge, per kWh	0.094500	0.101300	0.006800
Off Energy Charge, per kWh	0.044500	0.051300	0.006800

Irrigation-Utah			
Base Charge	30.00	38.00	8.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	7.30	8.00	0.70
Energy Charge, per kWh	0.060600	0.060000	-0.000600

Municipal Culinary and Irrigation Pumping-Utah			
Base Charge	30.00	38.00	8.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	8.75	9.50	0.75
Energy Charge, per kWh			
On Peak kWh per month	0.085000	0.107000	0.022000
Off Peak kWh per month	0.056000	0.056000	0.000000

Extra Large Power Service			
Base Charge	100.00	100.00	0.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	6.70	8.30	1.60
Base Load Energy, per kWh	0.055000	0.055000	0.000000
Marginal Load Energy, per kWh	0.067000	0.067000	0.000000

Street & Security Lighting-Utah			
Cooperative Owned			
100 Watts HPS or LED	8.35	8.80	0.45
250 Watts HPS or LED	13.35	14.30	0.95
400 Watts HPS or LED	18.20	19.65	1.45
1,000 Watts HPS or LED	48.50	53.00	4.50
1,800 Watts HPS or LED	85.00	94.75	9.75
Consumer Funded			
100 Watts HPS or LED	4.97	5.15	0.18

250 Watts HPS or LED	9.97	10.40	0.43
400 Watts HPS or LED	14.82	15.50	0.68
Power Cost per kWh Sold	0.043437	0.434370	0.390933
WPCA Base Cost, per kWh Sold	0.035346	0.434370	0.399024
WPCA Factor, per kWh	0.008091	0.000000	-0.008091

Cogeneration of QF of 100 kW or Less			
Capacity and Energy Sales			
Additional Monthly Customer Charge			
Residential	13.00	13.00	0.00
General Service 1	25.00	25.00	0.00
General Service 2	35.00	35.00	0.00
Irrigation	50.00	50.00	0.00
Non-Firm Power Purchase Rate	0.026000	0.030000	0.004000
Firm Power Purchase Rate	Non Firm Rate Plus 10%		

Optional Cogeneration QF and Small Power Production > 100 kW			
Supplementary Power	Standard Applicable Rate		
Standby and Maintenance Power	Billing demand Charge from Applicable Retail Schedule Plus Applicable Wholesale Demand Charge		
Reservation/Capacity Charge			
Energy Charge	Energy Charge from Applicable Retail Schedule Plus Wholesale Energy Charge		
Basic Service Charge	Standard Application Rate Plus:		
Additional Basic Service Charge	35.00	35.00	0.00

**Changes in Representative Hildale Rate Schedules
in Dollars**

Classification	Existing	Proposed	Change Amt
Residential – Hildale			
Base Charge	22.00	22.00	0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh	0.099800	0.107800	0.008000
Residential Prepaid Hildale			
Base Charge	0.72	0.72	0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh	0.099800	0.107800	0.008000
Residential TOU – Hildale			
Base Charge	27.00	27.00	0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh			
On-Peak kWh	0.127300	0.135700	0.008400
Off-Peak kWh	0.077300	0.085700	0.008400
General Service No. 1- Hildale			
Base Charge	25.00	30.00	5.00
Demand Charge, per Billing kW	7.50	7.50	0.00
Energy Charge, per kWh	0.057200	0.067400	0.010200
General Service No. 2-Hildale			
Base Charge	30.00	38.00	8.00
Demand Charge, per Billing KW	8.55	9.65	1.10
Energy Charge, per kWh	0.058100	0.063100	0.005000

The Division notes one mistake in the attachment with regards to the Optional Cogeneration QF and Small Power Production > 100 kW category the Existing, Proposed and Change in the rate were all \$35.00, which mathematically cannot happen. The Division has notified Garkane and it has confirmed that the actual tariff sheets it will submit to the Commission will be correct and accurate.

Conclusion

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge Garkane's tariff changes with an effective date of January 1, 2022, and make them available for public inspection upon receiving the corrected final copy. The Division commends Garkane management, noting that in this filing it has followed the tariff requirements requirement including notifying the Commission 30-days prior to the effective date demonstrating its efforts to comply with past Commission notices (see 21-028-T02).

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