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Re: *Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Major Event Exclusion for the Events Related to a Severe Windstorm on September 7, 2020* – Major Event No. 50; Docket No. 21-035-15

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed the March 3, 2021 filing by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) requesting Major Event exclusion for events related to a severe windstorm on September 7 through September 16, 2020 (“Event”). RMP indicates if the request is approved, outage information for these events will be excluded from RMP’s network performance reporting and from customer guarantee failure payments.

The PSC also reviewed the Division of Public Utilities’ (DPU) April 1, 2021 comments. DPU states it determined the System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) value of 548.7 minutes relating to this Event exceeds the daily SAIDI threshold value of 4.84 minutes that defines a Major Event under the method adopted by the PSC,¹ and should be excluded from RMP’s network performance reporting. DPU also indicated it considers RMP’s restoration efforts to have been adequate. Accordingly, DPU recommends the PSC approve RMP’s application for a Major Event exclusion.

Based on the PSC’s review of RMP’s filing and DPU’s comments and recommendation, RMP’s request for a Major Event exclusion is approved. Due to the magnitude and severity of this event the PSC waives the requirement in R746-313-8(1) for filing of a major event report within 30 days of the event. Please ensure that any spreadsheet analyses included in future major event reports are filed with the formulas intact which was not done with this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
DW#318402

¹ Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers’ 2.5 Beta method, approved by the PSC in Docket No. 98-2035-04.