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Re: *Rocky Mountain Power's Fourth Annual Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act Program Status Report; Docket No. 21-035-29*

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) August 25, 2021 compliance filing ("Compliance Filing") associated with its Fourth Annual Sustainable Transportation and Energy Plan Act ("STEP") Program Status Report ("Report"), which RMP filed on April 29, 2021. The compliance filing was filed pursuant to RMP's commitment to providing its final report on the Panguitch Solar and Battery Storage Project ("Project") once completed. RMP made the commitment in response to requests by the Office of Consumer Services (OCS) and the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) for additional detail about the Project. The Compliance Filing is the final report for the Project. The PSC also reviewed the September 24, 2021 comments filed by DPU and OCS, and the October 12, 2021 reply comments filed by RMP.

DPU comments that the Compliance Filing provides a valuable summation of the Project and recommends the PSC acknowledge the Compliance Filing. However, DPU also requests that RMP provide additional detail about how the Project has alleviated substation issues over a 24/7 time frame since the project's in-service date, and how certain Project design issues were overlooked in the initial design of the Project and not reported until now.

OCS seeks answers to six detailed questions regarding the location of the Project's solar array, investment tax credit issues, Project cost overruns, Project days in operation, and features missing from the Project's original design but added later. OCS asks that RMP respond to these questions in its reply comments, and requests the PSC order RMP to update its Compliance Filing and final Project report with the answers to these questions.

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In its reply comments RMP commits to address the issues raised by DPU and OCS in an updated final report, and requests it be allowed to file the updated final report concurrent with its forthcoming Fifth Annual STEP Program Status Report to allow sufficient time to adequately address the issues raised.

Based on the PSC's review of the compliance filing, DPU's comments and recommendations, OCS's comments and recommendations, and RMP's reply comments, the PSC acknowledges the compliance filing as consistent with RMP's previous commitments. The PSC further finds that it is in the public interest for RMP to address DPU's and OCS's comments in an updated filing concurrent with its forthcoming Fifth Annual STEP Program Status Report.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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