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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. 21-035-45**, In the Matter of Rocky Mountain Power's Semi-Annual Demand-Side Management (DSM) Deferred Account and Forecast Reports.

### Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) acknowledge the Utah DSM semi-annual account analysis and forecast report filed by Rocky Mountain Power (Company) as complying with the Commission Orders of August 25, 2009, in Docket No. 09-035-T08, and in Docket No. 10-035-57 issued December 21, 2011.

### Issue

In compliance with the above referenced Commission Orders, on November 1, 2021, the Company filed the Utah DSM forecast of expenditures and account analysis for the upcoming year. In addition, the Company provided an estimate of capacity and energy savings targets for approved programs for the 2022 calendar year.

## **Background**

The Commission issued an Action Request on November 1, 2021, for the Division to review and make recommendations within 30 days. In addition, the Commission issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period on November 4, 2021, providing interested parties the opportunity to submit comments by December 1, 2021, with reply comments due December 16, 2021. This memorandum is in response to the Commission's Action Request and Notice of Filing and Comment Period.

On August 25, 2009, the Commission issued an Order approving the Phase I Stipulation in Docket No. 09-035-T08. The Phase I Stipulation required the Company to file semi-annually with the Commission and the DSM Advisory group, an analysis of the account and a forecast of the expenditures for the approved programs.<sup>1</sup> The Division has reviewed the filing and concludes that the Company's Utah DSM tariff rider account analysis complies with the Commission Order of August 25, 2009.

## **Discussion**

Exhibit A of the filing shows the Forecast Report which includes an Accounting Analysis on page 5 showing actual results through September 2021, and projected expenditures and revenues through December 2030. As shown in the Analysis, the Schedule 193 surcharge rate is estimated to remain flat at 3.56% through 2024. Consequently, the Company does not intend to propose a rate adjustment at this time. The Analysis shows a Net Regulatory Asset balance of \$187.1 million for End of Year 2021. This is a slight increase from the \$184.6 million balance in 2020.

The DSM Expenditure section of the Forecast Report shows actual results through September 2021 and projected expenditures through December 2022. The total program expenditures projected through End of Year 2021 are \$66.7 million. Projected program expenditures for 2022 are \$72.7 million. The 2022 projection includes \$1 million budgeted for a newly added line item in the Report called the Custom Commercial and Industrial Demand Response program (C&I DR Program) which has not yet been approved by the Commission. The Company intends to file

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<sup>1</sup> Docket No. 09-035-T08 – Rocky Mountain Power Advice No. 09-08, Stipulation Regarding Phase I, page 4.

an Advice Letter at the end of 2021 proposing and requesting approval of the program. The DSM Steering Committee was made aware of this program and the Company's intent during the last two meetings in September and October. If the Commission does not approve of the C&I DR Program, the budgeted portion will be removed from the Forecast Report. Also included in the Forecast Report is an estimate of total program participation and contribution to peak system load for the Irrigation Load Control Program. The forecast for peak load reduction of irrigation is expected to occur between June 10 and July 29, 2022.

### **Conclusion**

Based on its review of the Company's filing, the Division concludes that the Company's Utah DSM account analysis and forecast report complies with the Commission Order of August 25, 2009, in Docket No. 09-035-T08 approving the Phase I stipulation. The Division recommends acknowledgement of the filing.

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