

Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Changes Associated with PacifiCorp's Advanced Metering Infrastructure Project and Various Housekeeping Changes	<u>DOCKET NO. 21-035-T08</u> <u>ORDER</u>
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ISSUED: August 11, 2021

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On July 13, 2021, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed Advice No. 21-06 ("Application") proposing revisions to Tariff Index Sheet No. B.1, Electric Service Regulation Sheet No. 7R.3, and Electric Service Schedule Sheet Nos. 2E.2, 6A.3, 80, 97, 136.6, and 300.1 through 300.3 of its Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 51 ("Tariff"). On July 14, 2021, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period. The Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments on July 26, 2021, and no party filed reply comments.

THE APPLICATION AND FILED COMMENTS

The Application states the proposed changes are a collection of updates associated with RMP's advanced meter infrastructure (AMI) project, which will begin in the fall of 2021 and continue through 2022, in addition to various housekeeping changes. RMP requests an effective date of October 1, 2021 for these modifications.

Electric Service Schedule No. 300 – Regulation Charges, Sheet 300.2

RMP proposes adding to Tariff Sheet 300.2 a new remote reconnection fee of \$8.75 that reflects the cost of service to reconnect a customer where AMI has been installed and is fully functional. This cost of service is based on the average cost of a call to RMP's call center including labor, material, and operating costs required to process the customer's initial request to have power turned on. RMP states no truck expense or field labor expense is included in the

calculation of the fee.¹ RMP included as Attachment 1 a cost-of-service workpaper attendant to the new proposed reconnection fee. RMP adds that the AMI project in Utah will not replace all existing meters and that non-remote reconnection charges will still be required for customers who do not have an AMI meter.

Electric Service Regulation No. 7 – Metering, Sheet 7R.3

RMP proposes to add the following statement to Regulation No. 7 for customers who have opted for a non-standard meter: “Customers who choose non-standard metering may be excluded from participating in Company offered programs for which a standard meter is required.” According to RMP, this change addresses the circumstances where new programs enabled by AMI technology would be unavailable to a customer who has opted for a non-standard meter.

Electric Service Schedule No. 136 - Transition Program for Customer Generators, Sheet 136.6 and Schedule 300, Sheet 300.1

RMP proposes to add a new special condition to Electric Service Schedule No. 136, (“Schedule 136”) to prohibit Schedule 136 customers from opting out of a standard meter. RMP also proposes to add the word “Applicable” to the section regarding costs for a non-standard meter on Sheet No. 300.1 to reflect the fact that not all rate schedules may be eligible to elect this charge. RMP states that a significant benefit of the AMI project is the automation of the data collection process, and since 15-minute netting is required for Schedule 136, it is appropriate to require that participating customers receive an AMI meter.

¹ The proposed remote reconnection fee is subject to the existing terms stated in Electric Service Regulation No. 10 for electric service disconnection due to non-payment by the customer.

Housekeeping Tariff Changes

On January 13, 2021, RMP filed Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 51 in Docket No. 21-035-T01 (“Compliance Filing”)² to effectuate the rate changes authorized in our December 30, 2020 Report and Order in Docket No. 20-035-04 (“2020 GRC Order”).³ After the Compliance Filing was submitted, which we subsequently approved, RMP since has identified various housekeeping Tariff changes it deems are necessary.

Changes to Sheet No. 6A.3: RMP proposes to reinstate the following paragraph on Sheet No. 6A.3 that was inadvertently removed in the Compliance Filing: “Due to the expansions of Daylight Saving Time (DST) as adopted under Section 110 of the U. S. Energy Policy Act of 2005 the time periods shown above will begin and end one hour later for the period between the second Sunday in March and the first Sunday in April, and for the period between the last Sunday in October and the first Sunday in November.”

Changes to Sheet No. 2E.2: In its Compliance Filing, RMP incorrectly modified the definition of On-Peak and Off-Peak periods in Schedule 2E, Residential Service – Electric Vehicle Time-of-Use Pilot Option - Temporary. RMP proposes to modify Sheet No. 2E.2 to remove the errors in the Compliance Filing and reflect On-Peak months as October through April and Off-Peak months as May through September.

² *Rocky Mountain Power’s Filing to Comply with the PSC’s Order issued on December 30, 2020 in Docket No. 20-035-04, Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Increase its Retail Electric Utility Service Rates in Utah and for Approval of its Proposed Electric Service Schedules and Electric Service Regulations; Docket No. 21-035-T01.*

³ *Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Increase its Retail Electric Utility Service Rates in Utah and for Approval of its Proposed Electric Service Schedules and Electric Service Regulations; Docket No. 20-035-04.*

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Inclusion of Sheet No. 97 and related changes to Sheets B.1, and 80: The Application corrects RMP's inadvertent omission in its Compliance Filing of the new Electric Service Schedule No. 97 - Wildfire Mitigation Balancing Account approved in our 2020 GRC Order. The Application includes Schedule 97, along with attendant updates to the Tariff Index Sheet No. B.1 and Electric Service Schedule 80, Summary of Effective Rate Adjustments. RMP also added an asterisk after Schedule 136 on Index Sheet No. B.1 to denote that it is a schedule not available to new customers or premises pursuant to our October 30, 2020 Order in Docket No. 17-035-61.⁴

Pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-405-2(D), RMP states that the proposed revisions to the filed Tariff sheets do not constitute a violation of state law or PSC rule.

While it does not make recommendations concerning any individual modification requested in the Application, DPU states that RMP's filing is reasonable and appropriate, and recommends approval.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

We find RMP's proposed changes to Electric Service Regulation 7 and Electric Service Schedules 136 and 300 are reasonable and appropriate as they support RMP's efforts to deploy and sustain AMI along with ensuring its benefits are achieved. In addition, we find sufficient evidence the new AMI reconnection charge appropriately reflects RMP's costs to provide this service once an AMI meter has been installed. Therefore, the public interest merits approval of

⁴ *Application of Rocky Mountain Power to Establish Export Credits for Customer Generated Electricity* (Order issued October 30, 2020); Docket No. 17-035-61.

these proposed revisions. Additionally, to the extent the modifications to Sheet Nos. B.1, 2E.2, 6A.3, 80, and 97 either provide clarification or correct past errors or omissions, we find and conclude they are reasonable and in the public interest.

Based on our review of the Application and supporting evidence, DPU's comments and recommendation, and given no opposition to the Application, we approve the proposed revisions as filed, effective October 1, 2021.

ORDER

- 1) We approve the Application as filed.
- 2) We approve the revisions to the Tariff Index, Electric Service Regulation 7, and Electric Service Schedule Nos. 2E, 6A, 80, 97, 136, and 300, as filed, effective October 1, 2021.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, August 11, 2021.

/s/ Thad LeVar, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ Ron Allen, Commissioner

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15 of the Utah Code, an aggrieved party may request agency review or rehearing of this Order by filing a written request with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of this Order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC does not grant a request for review or rehearing within 30 days after the filing of the request, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a petition for review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any petition for review must comply with the requirements of §§ 63G-4-401 and 63G-4-403 of the Utah Code and Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I CERTIFY that on August 11, 2021, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was delivered upon the following as indicated below:

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