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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

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Re: **Docket Nos. 21-035-T09 and 20-035-20**, Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 3, Low Income Lifeline Program – Residential Service Option for Qualifying Customers and Electric Service Schedule No. 91, Surcharge to Fund Low Income Residential Lifeline Program Reports 2020.

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities (“Division”) recommends the Public Service Commission of Utah (“Commission”) approve Rocky Mountain Power’s (“RMP”) proposed revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 3 (Low Income Lifeline Program – Residential Service Option for Qualifying Customers) and Electric Service Schedule No. 91 (Surcharge to Fund Low Income Residential Lifeline Program), effective October 1, 2021. The Division’s review determined that RMP’s filing complies with the Commission’s August 26, 2021 Order and Rule R 746-405-2(D)

to set the surcharge under Schedule No. 91 to \$0.00 for a period of five months and to increase the maximum bill credit under Schedule No. 3 from \$13.47 to \$13.95 per month.

Issue

On August 26, 2021, the Commission issued its Order in Docket No. 20-035-20 directing RMP to make a compliance filing to update Electric Service Schedule No. 3 to reflect a maximum monthly low income lifeline credit of \$13.95 and Electric Service Schedule No. 91 to reflect a monthly surcharge of \$0.00. On August 27, 2021, RMP filed its Electric Service Schedule Nos. 3 and 91 tariff revisions with the Commission. On August 27, 2021, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division asking it to review RMP's filing for compliance and make recommendations by September 10, 2021. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

Background and Discussion

In its review of RMP's HELP program annual report for 2020, the Division indicated that the ending account balance had remained high for a number of years and recommended setting the surcharge to \$0.00 for six months. Rocky Mountain Power agreed that the balance needed to be reduced and provided an alternative recommendation. The Company proposed to set Schedule No. 91 surcharge to \$0.00 for five months and increase Schedule No. 3 credit to \$13.95. On August 13, 2021, the Division and the Office of Consumer Services ("OCS"), each filed comments supporting RMP's proposal. In its August 26, 2021 Order, the Commission approved RMP's proposal and directed it to make a compliance filing to update electric service Schedule Nos. 3 and 91. On August 27, 2021, RMP made its compliance filing with the Commission. The Division has completed its review and determined that the filing complies with the Commission's Order.

Conclusion

The Division reviewed RMP's filing and concludes that it complies with the Commission's August 26, 2021 Order and Rule R746-405-2(D). Therefore, the Division recommends the

Commission approve RMP's revised Electric Service Schedule Nos. 3 and 91, effective October 1, 2021.

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