
Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 140, Non-Residential Energy Efficiency Program	<u>DOCKET NO. 21-035-T13</u>
	<u>ORDER</u>

ISSUED: December 8, 2021

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 10, 2021, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed Advice No. 21-07 (“Application”), proposing revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 140, Non-Residential Energy Efficiency (“Schedule 140”) of its Tariff P.S.C.U. No. 51 (“Tariff”). The filing proposes to add new energy efficiency incentive offerings and adjust certain incentive amounts and eligibility criteria. RMP requests an effective date of January 1, 2022 for its revised Tariff.

On November 12, 2021, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period. On November 22, 2021, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments.

THE APPLICATION

RMP’s Application proposes revisions to Schedule 140 that add new incentive offerings, and revise the incentive amount and eligibility criteria for existing offerings. Its new incentives are categorized as Whole Building New Construction (WBNC) and Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) Lighting offerings. The proposed WBNC offerings include flat incentives for conducting a pre-construction design charrette, and size-based incentives for energy performance modelling, and per-kWh energy savings incentives during the construction and post-construction phases. RMP states that its goal for the WBNC incentives is to encourage the inclusion of energy-efficient options beginning in the design phase and continuing through the performance

phase improving the market for high energy performance buildings. RMP's proposed CEA offerings create new per-kWh incentives for installing new or replacement CEA fixtures in grow facilities.

Additionally, RMP's application proposes to update certain incentives and eligibility criteria for lighting, motors, HVAC equipment, building envelope, irrigation, small business enhanced, and mid-market lighting measures. The adjustments increase certain incentives while reducing others. Included in those adjustments, RMP proposes to end all existing New Construction/Major Renovation Lighting incentives as of March 31, 2022, stating that the new WBNC program will effectively replace those measures. RMP states that its purpose in making these adjustments is to "better align with current measure research and market conditions, and cost-effectiveness thresholds," and included an analysis conducted by Applied Energy Group that concluded the revised offerings in RMP's Application pass the utility cost test (UCT) and participant cost test (PCT) under expected participation, expected participation plus 10%, and expected participation minus 10% scenarios.¹

PARTIES' COMMENTS

DPU recommends the PSC approve the Application, effective January 1, 2022. In making its recommendation, DPU comments that the Application is reasonable, the revisions to RMP's incentive offerings are expected to be cost effective under the UCT and PCT tests, and it is appropriate to adjust Schedule 140 to enable RMP to respond to market conditions. Though DPU agrees with RMP's analysis that the revised incentive offerings meet the UCT and PCT tests,

¹ Application at 2, 5, and Ex. B, C, and D.

DPU states that they do not pass the Total Resource Cost Test with or without a Conservation Adder. Nevertheless, DPU comments that, “It is understood that not all measures are cost effective in a program and the balance can result in a good program,” and that the “program has value as filed.”²

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

Based on RMP’s Application and the associated cost-effectiveness analysis, and on DPU’s comments and recommendations, we find that RMP’s proposed revisions to Schedule 140 are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. RMP’s Application demonstrates that its Schedule 140 as revised will continue to meet cost-efficiency measures. In addition, RMP sought input in designing the measures from the Utah Commercial Real Estate Task Force and the DSM Steering Committee, and no party filed any comments opposing the Application. We approve RMP’s Application and associated revisions to Schedule 140 as filed, effective January 1, 2022.

ORDER

- 1) We approve the Application as filed.
- 2) We approve the revisions to Schedule 140, Sheet Nos. 140.2, 140.4, 140.5, and 140.7 through 140.9, effective January 1, 2022.

² DPU Action Request Response at 3.

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, December 8, 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

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