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To: Public Service Commission of Utah

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Date: November 15, 2021

Re: **Docket No. 21-2167-T01**, South Utah Valley Electric Service District (SESD)
revised tariff sheet.

Recommendation (Approve)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge SESD's proposed Electric Service Tariff Schedule (Tariff). The requested effective date for this filing is May 19, 2021.

Issue

On November 1, 2021, SESD filed with the Commission a revision to the tariff sheet No. A; Electric Service Schedule No. 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9. SESD filed a redline version of the tariff on November 10, 2021. While SESD did not file much in the way of supporting documentation, the revised tariff reflects an effective date of May 19, 2021, approximately six months prior to its Commission filing.

Background

On November 01, 2021, SESD filed tariff pages to revise tariff sheet No. A for the electric schedules as shown in the table below.

Schedule No.	Class of service	Old tariff rate	New tariff rate
1	Residential Service	45.78 per single phase service connection	\$20.75 per single phase service connection
3	General Service - up– Up to 50 kW	\$10.69 per single phase service connection	\$19.75 per single phase service connection
		\$32.00 per three phase service connection	\$39.50 per three phase service connection
4	General Service - over– Over 50 kW	\$10.69 per single phase service connection.	\$33.00 per single phase service connection.
		\$32.00 per three phase service connection.	\$59.00 per three phase service connection.
5	Irrigation and Soil Drainage Pumping	\$24.30 per service connection	\$33.75 per service connection
6	General Industrial Service - Medium Voltage	\$21.87 per service connection	\$48.25 per service connection
7		\$ 10.69 per single -phase meter service	\$ 30.75 per single -phase meter service

	Municipal and Cooperative Culinary Pumping	\$ 32.00 per three -phase meter service connection	\$ 50.50 per three -phase meter service connection
8	Private Area Lighting	\$12.80 per lamp	\$13.65 per lamp
9	Increase (or Reduced) Purchase Power Costs	Base power cost = \$0.055	Base power cost = \$0.0625

In compliance with Utah Admin. Code 54-7-12(7), bill inserts, informing customers about the rate change were mailed on March 31, 2021 and a post card, informing customers about the rate change and public hearing was mailed out on April 30, 2021. SESD held a public hearing on May 19, 2021, soliciting member's comments on the proposed addition. No comments were proffered at the hearing. SESD's board approved the proposed schedule during the public hearing.

SESD filed notification of the revised tariff with the Commission on November 1, 2021, with a desired effective date of May 19, 2021. It appears the Company neglected to inform the Commission of the change to the rates back in May 2021 and are just now correcting that error. That same oversight is the reason for the lack of 30-day notice prior to a rate change as statutorily required. However, Utah Code 54-3-3 allows the Commission to accept and acknowledge the tariff changes without requiring the 30 days' notice for good cause. The Division sees no significant or material harm either to the members, public, or the utility itself in having not followed the required 30-day notice to the Commission.

The Division notes SESD complied with timely notification of its members and held a public hearing. Utah Admin. Code 746-405-2(D)(6) requires utilities to provide both clean and marked-up versions of tariff sheets identifying the tariff sheet changes. SESD submitted the marked-up version of the tariff to the Commission on November 10, 2021.

Conclusion

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge the SESD's revised tariff sheets with an effective date of May 19, 2021, without retribution for failing to provide the requisite 30-day Commission notice and make it available for public inspection. The Division recommends the Commission remind SESD of the requirement to fill its notice with the Commission 30-days prior to the requested effective date in future filings.

Cc: Mark Holdaway, SESD
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