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Ms. Jana Saba Rocky Mountain Power 1407 West North Temple, Suite 330 Salt Lake City, UT 84116 Data Request Response Center PacifiCorp 825 NE Multnomah St., Suite 2000 Portland, OR 97232

Re: Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Major Event Exclusion for the Events Related to a Severe Snowstorm on December 14-16, 2021 – Major Event No. 52; Docket No. 22-035-04

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed the January 25, 2022 filing by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) requesting a major event exclusion for events related to a severe snowstorm on December 14-16, 2021 ("Event"). Under its Electric Service Regulation No. 25, RMP excludes outage information for a major event from its network performance reporting and customer guarantee failure payments. In accordance with Utah Admin. Code R746-313-1 *et seq.*, RMP defines a major event based on a System Average Interruption Duration Index (SAIDI) value calculated under the most current methodology developed by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE).

In comments filed on February 24, 2022, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) states that the SAIDI value for the Event exceeded the daily SAIDI value threshold that defines a major event, and recommends the PSC approve a major event exclusion. DPU states that the SAIDI value RMP calculated for Utah for the Event is 9.26 minutes, which is greater than the daily SAIDI value threshold of 4.54 minutes. DPU further comments that, based on its observations, RMP correctly calculated the daily SAIDI value for the year and that RMP's restoration efforts given the nature of the event were adequate.

Based on the PSC's review of RMP's filing and DPU's comments and recommendation, RMP's request for a major event exclusion is approved.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg PSC Secretary DW#323156

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