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Re: **Docket Nos. 22-035-T01**, Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 91, Surcharge to Fund Low Income Residential Lifeline Program.

Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") approve Rocky Mountain Power's ("RMP") proposed second revision of Electric Service Schedule No. 91 (Surcharge to Fund Low Income Residential Lifeline Program), effective March 1, 2022. The Division's review determined that RMP's filing complies with the Commission's August 26, 2021 Order and Rule 746-405-2(D) to turn the surcharge under Schedule No. 91 back on.

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. 91 to reflect a monthly surcharge of \$0.00 for five months effective October 1, 2021. On January 27, 2022, RMP filed its Electric Service Schedule No. 91 tariff revisions with the Commission. On January 27, 2022, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division asking it to review RMP's filing for compliance and make recommendations by February 10, 2022. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

Background and Discussion

In its review of RMP's Home Electric Lifeline Program annual report for 2020, the Division indicated that the ending account balance had remained high for several 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, each filed comments supporting RMP's proposal. In its August 26, 2021 Order, the Commission approved RMP's proposal. On January 27, 2022, the Company filed with the Commission proposed changes to schedule 91 to turn the surcharge back on. The Company has monitored the balance and has stated the five-month moratorium of the Schedule 91 surcharge is sufficient to reduce the surplus balance and believes it is time to turn the surcharge back on. The Division agrees with the Company's assessment of the surplus balance. 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 746-405-2(D). Therefore, the Division recommends the Commission approve RMP's second revision of Electric Service Schedule No. 91, effective March 1, 2022.

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