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Thad Ballard, Director of Administration and Power Supply
Wells Rural Electric Company
P.O. Box 365
Wells, NV 89835

Re: *Wells Rural Electric Company's Wildland Fire Protection Plan*, Docket No. 22-036-01

Dear Mr. Ballard,

The Public Service Commission (PSC) received and reviewed Wells Rural Electric Company's (WREC) June 9, 2022 filing of its Wildland Fire Protection Plan (WFPP). Specifically, the WFPP contains a description of the actions required to mitigate the risks and reduce the probability of wildfire initiation due to the generation and transmission of electricity within WREC's service area.

The Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments on July 8, 2022. The DPU recommends that the PSC acknowledge that the WFPP complies with Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203. Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(3)(a)(i) requires a WFPP be submitted on or before June 1, 2020. DPU states that it has discussed the late filing of the WFPP with WREC. DPU asserts that WREC established the WFPP in a timely manner and received appropriate approval but inadvertently failed to file on time.

Based on the PSC's review of the Report and DPU's recommendation, the PSC acknowledges the WFPP as complying with Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(5), the WFPP is available for public inspection at the PSC. Lastly, pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(4), we remind WREC of its obligation, beginning in 2023, to submit its annual report detailing WREC's compliance with its WFPP.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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