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October 24, 2023

Mr. Josh Dellinger General Manager Empire Electric Association, Inc. P.O. Box K Cortez, CO 81321

Re: Docket No. 23-025-02 - Empire Electric Association's 2023 Wildland Fire

Protection Plan Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Dellinger,

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Empire Electric Association, Inc.'s ("Empire") September 15, 2023, filing of its 2023 Wildland Fire Protection Plan Compliance Report ("Report") pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(4). The Report provides information on completed and scheduled implementation of Empire's WFPP, as well as information about certain equipment that was replaced due to damage or failure. The Report also updated Empire's progress in implementing Arc Sensing Technology at Empire's Monticello Rural and Dove Creek substations.

The PSC also reviewed the comments filed by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) on October 10, 2023. DPU summarizes nine implementation steps presented in the Report and comments that Empire's Board of Directors reviewed and approved the Report on September 8, 2023. DPU supports the filing and recommends the PSC acknowledge that Empire Electric has complied with the filing requirements in Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(4)(b).

Based on the PSC's review of the Report and DPU's comments and recommendation, the PSC acknowledges the Report complies with Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(4). Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(5)(b), the Report is available for public inspection at the PSC's offices and on its website.

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Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg PSC Secretary DW#330436