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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: January 18, 2024

Re: **Docket No. 23-031-03**, Mt. Wheeler Power Cooperative Wildland Fire Protection Plan.

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge Mt. Wheeler Power's November 2, 2023, filing as complying with Utah Code § 54-24-203 (1-3).

Issue

On November 2, 2023, Mt. Wheeler Power filed its Wildland Fire Protection Plan (WFPP). On the same date, the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division asking the Division to review the filing for compliance and make recommendations. In the filing on November 2, 2023, the Board of Directors for Mt. Wheeler Power had not yet approved the Wildland Fire Protection Plan. On December 19, 2023, the Commission issued a second Action Request to determine if the Mt. Wheeler Board approved the plan during the December 11, 2023, Board meeting.

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Discussion

On December 13, 2023, Mr. Kevin Robison CEO at Mt. Wheeler, confirmed that the 2023 WFPP was approved by the Board of Directors for Mt. Wheeler on December 11, 2023.

This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's second Action Request.

Conclusion

Based on its review, the Division recommends the Commission acknowledge Mt. Wheeler Power's Wildland Fire Protection Plan.

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