## **Public Service Commission**



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June 6, 2023

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Commissioner

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Re:

Request of Rocky Mountain Power for Major Event Exclusion for the Snowstorm in the Salt Lake City Metro and Jordan Valley Areas of Utah on March 10-11, 2023 – Major Event No. 55: Docket No. 23-035-19

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed the April 11, 2023 filing by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) requesting a major event exclusion for events related to the snowstorm on March 10–11, 2023 ("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 May 3, 2023, 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 4.62 minutes, which is greater than the daily SAIDI value threshold of 4.31 minutes. DPU concludes, based on its observations, that RMP correctly calculated the daily SAIDI value for the year and 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#328262