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Re: *Rocky Mountain Power's Demand-Side Management 2022 Annual Energy Efficiency and Peak Load Reduction Report; Docket No. 23-035-26*

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) August 31, 2023 Compliance Filing including the attached Confidential Supplemental Report ("Supplemental Report"), filed as directed in the PSC's August 1, 2023 Acknowledgment Letter ("Acknowledgment Letter") in this docket.¹ RMP indicates that no participant has opted out of the Wattsmart Battery Program ("Program") since its December 2020 approval. RMP explains that after the 4-year commitment, customers will continue to receive an annual incentive with the expectation that customers will continue to participate through the entire useful life of their battery. RMP estimates the ongoing annual benefit to the Program will remain consistent throughout the life of the battery, assuming consistent customer enrollment and participation. RMP also estimates the expected annual attrition rate is between 1-6 percent, which would slightly reduce the ongoing annual kW benefit.

¹ In the PSC's August 1, 2023 letter acknowledging RMP's 2022 Report, the PSC directed RMP to file a supplemental report, within thirty days, that includes: (1) a cost/benefit analysis of the Wattsmart Battery Program using the four-year minimum contract commitment rather than the useful life of the battery; (2) an estimate (and the methodology used in the estimate) of any drop in Program participation after the expiration of the initial four-year contract commitment; and, (3) an estimate (and its derivation) of the ongoing annual benefit of a program on a kW basis. The PSC further directed RMP to convene a meeting with the DSM Steering Committee to discuss the supplemental information.

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RMP states that it intends to discuss this supplemental information with the DSM Steering Committee at a future meeting.

On September 21, 2023, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments (“DPU Comments”) indicating the supplemental information responds adequately to the PSC’s directives. DPU adds that the cost/benefit analysis included in the Supplemental Report indicates the Program is cost effective with all measures when estimated over a 4-year basis. DPU recommends the PSC acknowledge that the Supplemental Report complies with the directives of the Acknowledgment Letter.

The PSC appreciates the additional information and insights contained in RMP’s Supplemental Report in this matter. Based on the PSC’s review of the Compliance Filing and DPU Comments, the PSC acknowledges that the Supplemental Report complies with the PSC’s Acknowledgment Letter.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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