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Utah Public Service Commission Heber M. Wells Building 160 East 300 South, 4th Floor Salt Lake City, UT 84111 <u>pcs@utah.gov</u>

RE: Docket No. 23-035-44 – FFSL input on Rocky Mountain Power's Revised 2023 Utah Wildfire Protection Plan

Dear Commissioners:

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands ("FFSL") submits this input on Rocky Mountain Power's ("RMP") Revised 2023 Utah Wildfire Protection Plan for the Public Service Commission of Utah's ("PSC") consideration. Input is made in accordance with Utah Code § 54-24-201(3)(b)(ii)(A) and Utah Administrative Rule 746-315-2(2).

Since the PSC issued its Order Granting Motion to Vacate Scheduling Order on November 21, 2023, RMP has met with and collaborated with the FFSL to address FFSL's input filed with the Commission on November 9, 2023. As a result, RMP has implemented substantial changes to its plan. Additionally, FFSL had the opportunity to review the revised plan in draft form and provided comments directly to RMP. Through this process and in ongoing discussions, RMP has improved its plan and has addressed FFSL's major concerns.

FFSL looks forward to continual collaboration with RMP to perfect the plan further, to address the ongoing threat of wildland fires in the state, and in the implementation of the wildland fire preparedness, prevention, and mitigation effort outlined in the revised plan.

FFSL has no additional input to the PSC regarding the substantive content of the revised plan. FFSL submits to the PSC to evaluate whether the revised plan is reasonable and in the public interest, and whether it appropriately balances the cost of implementation with the risk of a potential wildland fire.

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