

March 10, 2023

#### VIA ELECTRONIC FILING

Public Service Commission of Utah Heber M. Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor 160 East 300 South Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Attention: Gary Widerburg

Commission Administrator

**RE: Docket No. 23-035-T05** 

Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 3, Low Income Lifeline Program Residential Service Optional for Qualifying Customers

In accordance with Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") Administrative Rule 746-405-2(E), enclosed for filing are Rocky Mountain Power's ("the Company") proposed changes to Electric Service Schedule No. 3 – Low Income Lifeline Program Residential Service Optional for Qualifying Customers ("Schedule 3").

# **Background**

In the 2023 Utah Legislative session, Senate Bill 288 was passed by the Utah Legislature and codified as Utah Code §54-4-42 ("Utility Bill Assistance Program"). The Utility Bill Assistance Program is administered by the Division of Public Utilities ("DPU") to provide program funds to large-scale electric utilities to fund temporary bill credits for customers who meet certain income requirements. The Company discussed the details of the program with the DPU and Office of Consumer Services and the enclosed proposed tariff sheet reflects the discussions.

## **Utility Bill Assistance Program**

Pursuant to Utah Code §54-4-42(4), the Company submits the proposed tariff sheet to implement the Utility Bill Assistance Program. The Company requests the Commission approve the enclosed Schedule 3 tariff change to its existing low income life program to provide an additional \$12.00 per month supplemental bill assistance credit for customers who have met the income qualifications required to receive service on Schedule 3 and are eligible to receive the monthly low income lifeline credit. The supplemental bill assistance credit is subject to the availability of funds authorized by the Utility Bill Assistance Program and only those funds will be used to provide the supplemental bill assistance credits. The Company will separately account for the credits and funds provided and not use any other source of funds. Therefore, the proposed tariff changes will not result in increased costs to the Company's customers. For these reasons, the Utility Bill Assistance Program and the associated tariff changes to Schedule 3 contained herein are in the public interest.

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# **Tariff Changes**

The enclosed proposed tariff sheet is associated with Tariff P.S.C.U No. 51 of PacifiCorp, d.b.a. Rocky Mountain Power, applicable to electric service in the State of Utah. Pursuant to the requirement of Rule R746-405-2(D), PacifiCorp states that the proposed tariff sheet does not constitute a violation of state law or Commission rule. The tariff sheet reflects the Company's requested effective date of April 15, 2023.

Third Revision of Sheet No. 3.2	Electric Service	Low Income Lifeline
	Schedule No. 3	Program Residential Service
		Optional for Qualifying
		Customers

## Reporting

Utah Code §54-4-42(8) requires the Company to report to the Commission semi-annually including the amounts expended since the program's inception or the previous report, the amount remaining to fund credits and the verification of customer eligibility. To meet this requirement, the Company proposes to add the required information to the existing semi-annual low income lifeline report that is filed with the Commission at the end of January and July each year.

Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests that all formal correspondence and requests for additional information regarding this filing be addressed to the following:

By E-mail (preferred): <u>datarequest@pacificorp.com</u>

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Informal inquiries on this matter may be directed to Jana Saba at (801) 220-2823.

Sincerely,

Senior Vice President, Regulation and Customer & Community Solutions

cc: Chris Parker, Division of Public Utilities
Michele Beck, Office of Consumer Services

## **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

Docket No. 23-035-T05

I hereby certify that on March 10, 2023, a true and correct copy of the foregoing was served by electronic mail to the following:

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## **ELECTRIC SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. 3 - Continued**

MONTHLY BILL: (continued)

**ELECTRIC SERVICE CHARGE**: (continued)

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**Billing Months** - October through May inclusive 7.9893¢ per kWh first 400 kWh 10.3725¢ per kWh all additional kWh

**SURCHARGE ADJUSTMENT**: All monthly bills shall be adjusted in accordance with Schedule 80.

### LOW INCOME LIFELINE CREDIT:

\$13.95 Maximum

If a customer's Electric Service Charge plus the Surcharge Adjustment is less than \$13.95, the Low Income Lifeline Credit will be equal to the Electric Service Charge plus the Surcharge Adjustment.

### LIFE SUPPORT ASSISTANCE CREDIT OPTION:

\$10.00 Maximum

If, after application of the Low Income Lifeline Credit, a customer's Electric Service Charge plus the Surcharge Adjustment is less than \$10.00, the Life Support Assistance Credit, if applicable, will be equal to the remaining Electric Service Charge plus the Surcharge Adjustment.

#### TEMPORARY SUPPLEMENTAL BILL ASSISTANCE CREDIT:

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Credits provided under the Temporary Supplemental Bill Assistance Program are subject to the availability of program funds.

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#### P.S.C.U. No. 51

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