



## Public Service Commission

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Re: *Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Revisions to Electric Service Schedule No. 3, Low Income Lifeline Program Residential Service Optional for Qualifying Customers; Docket No. 23-035-T05*

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) March 10, 2023 application ("Application") to revise Electric Service Schedule No. 3, Low Income Lifeline Program Residential Service Optional for Qualifying Customers ("Schedule 3"), by creating a new subsection that describes the Temporary Supplemental Bill Assistance Credit ("Tariff"). The proposed Tariff offers an additional \$12.00 per month in 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 Tariff also provides information related to program eligibility and reporting. The proposed revised Tariff sheets reflect an April 15, 2023 effective date.

In the Application, RMP explains the Legislature recently passed Senate Bill 288, creating the Utility Bill Assistance Program (the "UBAP"). The UBAP is available to electricity and natural gas utilities and provides bill credits to eligible customers to use against utility service account balances. The statute provides that a large-scale utility may request PSC approval for a tariff authorizing the utility to provide credits to eligible customers from funds available to the program.<sup>1</sup> Under the statute, the PSC must approve a tariff creating a UBAP program provided it (1) does not result in increased costs to the utility's customers and (2) is found to be in the public interest.

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<sup>1</sup> *Id.* at Subsection (3).

The PSC also reviewed the Division of Public Utilities' (DPU) comments filed March 23, 2023. DPU states it will administer the UBAP funds if available and that RMP will separately account for the credits and funds provided thereby. DPU's comments further explain RMP is required to report expenditures under the Tariff semi-annually to the PSC and will supplement the existing semi-annual low-income lifeline reporting<sup>2</sup> with the requisite UBAP-related expenditures information. DPU concludes the proposed Tariff will not result in increased costs to utility customers and is therefore in the public interest. DPU recommends, therefore, the PSC approve the proposed Tariff, effective April 15, 2023.

Based on the PSC's review of the Application, DPU's comments and recommendations, the PSC's review of the UBAP, and in the absence of any opposition, the PSC finds the proposed Tariff does not result in increased costs to RMP's customers. The PSC also finds and concludes the proposed Tariff is in the public interest because the bill credits will assist qualifying customers with their energy bills. Accordingly, the PSC approves the proposed Tariff, effective April 15, 2023.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
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<sup>2</sup> Typically, the end of January and July each year.