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Mr. LaDel Laub, President and CEO
Dixie Escalante Rural Electric Association
145 West Brigham Road
St. George, UT 84790

Re: *Application of Dixie Power for a Rate Increase; Docket No. 23-066-01*

Dear Mr. Laub:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed the January 18, 2023 filing (“Filing”) by Dixie Escalante Rural Electric Association, doing business as Dixie Power (“Dixie Power”), reflecting rate changes to its Residential, Small Commercial, Large Commercial, and Irrigation customers (“four customer classes”), effective March 1, 2023. Specifically, Dixie Power states its rates will increase an average of 5.9% across its four customer classes, but will decrease for a group of customers (previously customers of Flowell Electric Association)¹ to align with the rates of its legacy customers. Additionally, the Filing includes new seasonal rate adjustments, optional time of use rates, and revised impact fees.

On January 30, 2023, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments recommending the PSC acknowledge the Filing. In making its recommendation, DPU states that the new rates were (1) approved by Dixie Power’s Board of Directors on November 2, 2022, with notifications mailed to consumers on December 15, 2022, and (2) presented to members in meetings held January 3 and 4, 2023. DPU represents that the Filing includes rate increases of 8.6% for Residential, 2.6% for Small Commercial, 2.9% for Large Commercial, and 7.2% for Irrigation customers. Additionally, DPU states that the Filing includes a new format and new clause for Wholesale Peak Season Cost adjustment, and an optional Time of Use rate. DPU indicates the Filing includes a 50% increase to the impact fees due to inflation. In conclusion, DPU requests the PSC acknowledge the rate changes and updated tariff sheets.

¹ Dixie Power acquired Flowell Electric Association January 1, 2021.

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Based on the PSC's review of Dixie Power's Filing and DPU's comments and recommendation, the PSC acknowledges the Filing complies with Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(7). Accordingly, the proposed rate changes and updated tariff sheets are available for public inspection at the PSC.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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