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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: October 24, 2023

Re: **Docket No. 23-066-03**, Dixie Power's Wildland Fire Protection Plan.

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge Dixie Power's September 29, 2023, filing as complying with Utah Code § 54-24-203(4)(b).

Issue

On September 29, 2023, Dixie Power filed its annual Wildland Fire Protection Plan (WFPP). On the same date the Commission issued an Action Request to the Division asking the Division to review the filing for compliance and make recommendations. The Commission asked the Division to report back by October 30, 2023. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Action Request.

Discussion

Utah Code § 54-24-203(4) requires electric cooperatives to (a) file with the governing authority a report detailing the electric cooperative's compliance with the WFPP; and (b) file with the Commission a copy of the annual compliance report. The report was reviewed and approved by Dixie Power's Board of Directors at its September 29, 2023, meeting and was filed with the Commission on September 29, 2023. The Division has reviewed the filing and

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recommends the Commission acknowledge that Dixie Power has complied with Utah Code § 54-24-203(4)(b). The plan includes the following steps for implementation¹:

1. Overview of Utility's Fire Prevention Strategies
2. Utility asset Overview
3. Risk Analysis and Risk Drivers
4. Wildfire Prevention Strategy and Programs
5. Emergency Response
6. Performance Metrics and Monitoring

Conclusion

Based on its review, the Division recommends the Commission acknowledge that Dixie Power has complied with the requirements for Utah Code § 54-24-203(4)(b).

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¹ Dixie Power's Wildland Fire Protection Plan, September 2023, Revision: 1.0, Pages i ii, and iii.