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Utah Public Service Commission

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Re: Wildland Fire Protection Plan Update

To Whom It May Concern,

Utah Code § 54-24-203 outlines the process electric cooperatives, such as Deseret Power (“Deseret”), must follow to prepare a wildland fire protection plan (the “Plan”). In adherence to these requirements, Deseret has been actively updating its Plan for 2023. Compliance with the statute requires submission of the Plan to Deseret’s Governing Authority, which is its Board of Trustees (the “Board”), on or before October 1 every third year after calendar year 2020. Deseret has met this deadline, having submitted the Plan to its Board on September 29.

After submission, State Code requires that the Governing Authority review the Plan and take into account input from interested parties. Deseret’s practice is to review the input prior to final approval of the Plan. One of these parties, as specified in code, is the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands (the “Division of Forestry”). In accordance with this requirement, Deseret submitted the Plan to the Division of Forestry, and received their comments on December 12. Their constructive feedback has necessitated that Deseret take additional time to fully assimilate these insights into the 2023 Plan. As a result, Deseret requested an extension from its Governing Authority to approve the Plan, pushing the deadline back to March 2024. This extension will enable Deseret to ensure that the Plan adequately addresses the Division of Forestry’s recommendations.

Although the Public Service Commission is not Deseret’s Governing Authority, it is important to keep the Commission informed about the status of its 2023 Plan. As soon as the revised plan is ready, Deseret will promptly submit it to the Commission for public inspection.

Deseret Power is available for further questions from the Commission if needed.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Peterson", with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

Jeff Peterson
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