

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

Investigation, Re: Open Market Operations	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>DOCKET NO. 24-035-10</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NOTICE THAT TECHNICAL CONFERENCE WILL BE CLOSED</u></p>
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ISSUED: April 1, 2024

On March 1, 2024, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Notice of Docket and Technical Conference (“Notice”). The Notice set April 2, 2024, as the date for the technical conference and provided Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) until March 15, 2024, to file a request with the PSC to close the technical conference to the public should RMP believe it is necessary to discuss confidential information in the technical conference.

On March 14, 2024, RMP filed a Request to Close Technical Conference to the Public (“Request”). The PSC subsequently issued a notice requiring responses to the Request be filed on or before March 25, 2024.

Western Resource Advocates (WRA) and the Utah Association of Energy Users (UAE) filed timely responses, attaching agreements not to disclose confidential information. Neither WRA nor UAE oppose the Request, provided they are allowed to participate as they have executed non-disclosure agreements consistent with Utah Admin. Code R746-1-603. UAE represents it has conferred with RMP’s counsel and that RMP’s intention is to maintain the same level of confidentiality as generally applies to Energy Balancing Account dockets and similar proceedings before the PSC.

Having reviewed the Request and WRA and UAE's respective filings, the PSC finds it is in the interest of the public to close the technical conference. The PSC initiated this docket of its own accord to facilitate the PSC and other regulatory agencies better understanding RMP's open market operations, and the PSC anticipated this may require discussion, to some degree, of confidential information.¹ Stakeholders who have executed a non-disclosure agreement pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R746-1-603 are expected to be allowed to participate. If RMP intends to present any information for which a non-disclosure agreement provides insufficient confidentiality as governed by Utah Admin. Code R746-1-602(2), the PSC asks RMP to refrain from disclosing that information at the technical conference but alert attendees that such information exists so the PSC can evaluate whether a second technical conference is necessary and appropriate. The PSC will adjudicate any disputes concerning whether a non-disclosure agreement provides sufficient protection for participation in any future technical conference in advance of the event.

¹ Notice of Docket and Technical Conference issued March 1, 2024 (“[I]f RMP believes it will be necessary to discuss confidential information to adequately discuss the subject, the PSC asks RMP to file a request with the PSC to close the technical conference to the public on or before Friday, March 15, 2024, explaining the reason that closing the technical conference is appropriate and in the public interest”).

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DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, April 1, 2024.

/s/ Michael J. Hammer
Presiding Officer

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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