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## Preliminary Recommendation

**To:** Public Service Commission of Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

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**Date:** March 28, 2024

**Re:** **Docket No. 24-035-13**, Division of Public Utilities' Audit of PacifiCorp's 2023 Fuel Inventory Policies and Practices.

## Recommendation (Request for Extension)

Every year, the Utah Division of Public Utilities (Division) reviews the coal inventory policies and procedures of PacifiCorp (the Company) to determine whether the Company is generally in compliance with the directive from the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission) in Docket No. 09-035-23.<sup>1</sup>

The Commission's 2010 Order directs the Division to "conduct an annual audit of the Company's fuel inventory management policies, procedures, and actual practices and provide a summary of its audit and associated findings to the Commission by no later than March 31 of each year for the previous year's activity."<sup>2</sup>

On March 11, the Division of Public Utilities (Division) met with Rocky Mountain Power (the Company) to discuss the Company's 2023 fuel inventory policies and practices. After this

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<sup>1</sup> *In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Increase its Retail Electric Utility Service Rates in Utah and for Approval of its Proposed Electric Service Schedules and Electric Service Regulations*, Docket No. 09-035-23, *Report and Order on Revenue Requirement, Cost of Service and Spread of Rates*, issued February 18, 2010, p. 106 (2010 Order).

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

meeting, the Division submitted data requests (DRs) to the Company that addressed topics that are more complicated than the topics in past fuel inventory dockets. The Company requires extra time to reply to these DRs, and the Division requires more time to evaluate the Company's responses. Therefore, the Division is requesting that the due date for its 2023 summary be extended until April 30, 2024. The due date for comments in the fuel audit dockets is not typically set until the Division has submitted its summary.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., the Commission's *Notice of Filing and Comment Period*, issued March 30, 2023, in Docket no. 23-035-14.