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Re: *Rocky Mountain Power's Semi-Annual Demand-Side Management (DSM) Forecast Reports*; Docket No. 24-035-37

Dear Mr. Snow:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed the Semi-Annual Demand-Side Management (DSM) Forecast Report (the "Report") submitted by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) on November 1, 2024, in accordance with the PSC's Order in Docket No. 09-035-T08 approving the Phase I Stipulation filed August 3, 2009, in the same docket ("Order"). The Order requires RMP to provide the PSC an annual forecast of DSM expenditures, acquisition targets, and capacity and energy savings.

The Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments about the Report on November 27, 2024 and December 2, 2024, recommending the PSC acknowledge RMP's compliance. DPU states the Report includes an energy savings forecast comparing Program projected savings to targets mentioned in RMP's most recent Integrated Resource Plan (the "IRP"). For 2025, RMP forecasted 435 MW savings in Class 1 DSM applications and 47.78 MW savings for Class 2 applications. DPU notes the IRP targets were 349 MW and 46.34 MW savings for the same applications. DPU comments the Report includes actual results through September 2024 and projected expenditures and revenues through December 2030. DPU states RMP does not propose a rate adjustment to Schedule 193 at this time as it awaits the outcome of its 2024 general rate case ("GRC"), in Docket No. 24-035-04. DPU confirms there was consensus among the DSM Steering Committee and RMP for RMP to abstain from adjusting Schedule 193 until the conclusion of the GRC. DPU comments the DSM expenditure section of the Report shows Program expenditures projected through the

end of 2024 of \$88,181,241, and projected expenditures for 2025 of \$96,764,177, an increase of 9.7 percent. Finally, DPU indicates that based on its review of the filing, RMP's forecast report complies with the relevant order and recommends the PSC acknowledge the filing.

The Office of Consumer Services (OCS) filed comments on December 6, 2024. It highlights notable changes that impact the 2025 DSM budget forecast of approximately \$96.8 million including, among other things, that the total 2024 year-end expenditures were about \$9 million higher than anticipated at the beginning of 2024, specifically listing areas of higher costs, such as the Wattsmart Batteries Program (\$2 million more than expected), Wattsmart Homes Program (\$5 million more than expected), and Wattsmart Business Program (\$3 million more than expected). OCS notes the overspending was partially mitigated by the underspending of \$1.5 million in other areas in 2024. It also expresses its continued support for RMP's DSM program, stating that it was encouraged to see an expectation of increased customer participation after some years of lower participation due to poor economic conditions. The OCS concluded by recommending the PSC approve RMP's 2025 DSM energy savings and expenditures forecast. No reply comments were filed on or before December 23, 2024.

Based on the PSC's review of the Report and the comments and recommendations of DPU and OCS, the PSC acknowledges the Report complies with the Order. The PSC intends to issue a Notice of Filing and Comment Period to provide interested parties an opportunity to comment on whether the expenses that exceeded the 2024 budgets should be approved.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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