

- BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH -

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Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Changes to Electric Service Regulation No. 7, Metering	<u>DOCKET NO. 24-035-T01</u> <u>ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF</u>
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ISSUED: February 20, 2024

On January 22, 2024, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed a proposed revision to Sheet Nos. 7R.5 and 7R.6 ("Tariff Revision") of Electric Service Regulation No. 7, Metering ("Regulation 7"), seeking an effective date of April 15, 2024.

On January 24, 2024, the Public Service Commission (PSC) issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period, establishing comment and reply deadlines of February 7 and February 14, 2024, respectively. According to RMP, the Tariff Revision represents a policy change to submetering under master metering in that its Regulation 7 currently prohibits submetering (with the exception of grandfathered accounts). RMP states that the Tariff Revision is nevertheless consistent with the exemptions under Utah Admin. Code R746-210.

On February 1, 2024, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments recommending the PSC approve the Tariff Revision as filed, effective April 15, 2024. No other comments were filed.

Utah Admin. Code R746-210-2.A. sets forth a list of automatic exemptions for which separate metering is not required. If a person does not qualify for an automatic exemption, R746-210-3 sets forth exemptions that require a cost-effectiveness test on a case-by-case basis. RMP's Tariff Revision would allow an exemption under R746-

210-3 to a class of customers that meet certain requirements rather than on a case-by-case basis as contemplated by the rule.<sup>1</sup>

Based on RMP's proposed Tariff Revision, DPU's comments and recommendation, and the PSC's interpretation of Utah Admin. Code R746-210-3, and good cause appearing, RMP's Tariff Revision is suspended and shall not become effective by operation of statute or otherwise. The scope of the Tariff Revision appears to require a rule change. Any party seeking such a rule change may file a petition for agency action and propose the desired changes.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, February 20, 2024.

/s/ Michael J. Hammer  
Presiding Officer

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<sup>1</sup> Utah Admin. Code R746-210-5 also sets forth that "[t]here are no circumstances, other than exemptions, where submetering is an acceptable alternative to individual metering under the constraints of PURPA. Submetering, while giving consumers control over their energy consumption, still retains a primary objection to master metering; namely, that since customers of a master metered utility customer are not customers of a regulated public utility, the [PSC] is without authority to provide redress where appropriate, such as in cases of service or billing problems."

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Approved and confirmed February 20, 2024, as the Order of the Public Service  
Commission of Utah.

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

/s/ John S. Harvey, Ph.D., Commissioner

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