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Re: *Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Changes to Electric Service Regulation No. 12, Line Extensions, Docket No. 24-035-T05*

Dear Ms. Saba:

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed the May 16, 2024 Tariff Filing ("Filing") submitted by Rocky Mountain Power (RMP). RMP explains the proposed change to Electric Service Regulation No. 12 – Line Extensions ("Regulation 12") is a policy change to RMP's line extension policy. RMP seeks to require nonresidential customers over 1,000 kilovolt-amperes ("kVA") to advance the full costs exceeding the Extension Allowance before the start of construction. RMP comments that the current line extension policy requiring customers with a load greater than 1,000 kVA to pay only fifty percent before construction with the remaining balance due upon completion, fails to account for the risk these customers present. RMP proposes instead to align the policies for smaller and larger customers and require all customers to pay the full cost above the Extension Allowance before construction. The Filing includes a revised Sheet No. 12R.7 and RMP seeks an effective date of August 15, 2024.

The PSC also reviewed comments by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) and the Office of Consumer Services (OCS), both filed on June 3, 2024 ("DPU Comments" and "OCS Comments," respectively). Both DPU and OCS recommend approval. DPU comments the change prudently reduces RMP's risk of default, frees up capital, ends interest-free financing for Line Extensions, and treats all customers seeking Line Extensions similarly. OCS supports the change to mitigate the potential risk and create a policy that is more consistent for all customers. OCS requests RMP provide in

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its reply comments information explaining how RMP finances over \$5 billion of ongoing line extension projects in Utah.

In its June 10, 2024 reply comments, RMP explains that the project information RMP provided in its response to OCS data request 1.2 was the gross project costs for customers of 1,000 kVA. RMP clarifies it is not financing the entirety of the \$5 billion to support ongoing line extension projects and estimates its cash outlay for these projects is approximately \$370 million, including the revenue allowance and RMP's share of network upgrade costs. RMP comments that while its estimated cash outlay is not the entire \$5 billion project cost, the risk imposed by these projects is still substantial.

Based on the PSC's review of the Filing and DPU's Comments and OCS's Comments, RMP's reply comments, and there being no opposition, the PSC approves RMP's proposed changes to Regulation 12 as filed, effective August 15, 2024.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg  
PSC Secretary  
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