
Rocky Mountain Power's Proposed Tariff Changes to Electric Service Schedule No. 70, Renewable Energy Rider Optional, and Electric Service Schedule No. 72, Renewable Energy Rider Optional Bulk Purchase Option

DOCKET NO. 24-035-T08

ORDER

ISSUED: October 17, 2024

BACKGROUND

On September 19, 2024, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) filed updated tariff sheets with the Public Service Commission (PSC) proposing changes ("Proposed Tariff Revisions") to the Blue Sky Program administered through Electric Service Schedule Nos. 70 and 72 (collectively, "REC Schedules"), effective November 1, 2024.

Presently, the REC Schedules require all RECs purchased to conform with Green-e Energy national standards and be Green-e certified or Green-e certifiable.¹ RMP represents "[d]ue to recent changes implemented by the Center for Resource Solutions ('CRS'), the Green-e Western Electricity Coordinating Council ('WECC') market is frozen." Consequently, RMP explains it "needs flexibility to explore additional options to meet its obligations to serve customers with a quality REC based product" and "[c]ompliance with the new CRS policy would materially increase participant costs due to uncertainty in the market and may result in a scarcity of qualifying RECs in the WECC region."

¹ See RMP's Electric Service Schedule No. 70 at 70.4; Electric Service Schedule No. 72 at 72.4.

RMP further represents “[s]ince the inception of the Blue Sky portfolio options, [it] has not purchased RECs from [RMP]-owned resources and sourced RECs solely from WECC resources.” RMP states it “intends to continue this procurement strategy[,]” but RMP proposes removing language related to Green-e certification from the REC Schedules (“Proposed Tariff Revisions”) to enable flexibility given the market constraints stemming from CRS’s changes.

On September 24, 2024, the PSC issued a Notice of Filing and Comment Period. On October 4, 2024, the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments. The PSC received no other comments.

DPU explains CRS made relevant changes to its programs in response to an order of the Oregon Public Utility Commission.² DPU further represents it has reviewed market advisories published by CRS and confirms these advisories “corroborate RMP’s request for approval to remove [the pertinent language] from [the REC Schedules] that it cannot comply with as a result of CRS’s changes.”³

The DPU asserts RMP’s filing is just, reasonable, and in the public interest. DPU notes RMP’s filing complies with Utah Admin. Code R746-405-2(D)(3)(g) by including a statement that the proposed tariff does not constitute a violation of state law or administrative rule. The DPU recommends the PSC approve the filing.

² DPU cites *Investigation into House Bill 2021 Implementation Issues*, Docket No. UM 2273, Oregon Public Utility Commission, Order 24-002 (January 5, 2024), at pp. 5-17.

³ DPU Comments at 2.

DISCUSSION, FINDINGS OF FACT, AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based on the PSC's review of RMP's filing, DPU's comments and recommendations, and in the absence of any opposition, the PSC finds the Proposed Tariff Revisions are just, reasonable, and in the public interest. Additionally, the PSC concludes the Proposed Tariff Revisions are consistent with Utah Admin. Code R746-405-2(D).

ORDER

RMP's Proposed Tariff Revisions are approved as filed, effective November 1, 2024.

DATED at Salt Lake City, Utah, October 17, 2024.

/s/ Jerry D. Fenn, Chair

/s/ David R. Clark, Commissioner

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

Attest:

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg
PSC Secretary
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Notice of Opportunity for Agency Review or Rehearing

Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-301 and 54-7-15, a party may seek agency review or rehearing of this written order by filing a request for review or rehearing with the PSC within 30 days after the issuance of the order. Responses to a request for agency review or rehearing must be filed within 15 days of the filing of the request for review or rehearing. If the PSC fails to grant a request for review or rehearing within 30 days after the filing of a request for review or rehearing, it is deemed denied. Judicial review of the PSC's final agency action may be obtained by filing a Petition for Review with the Utah Supreme Court within 30 days after final agency action. Any Petition for Review must comply with the requirements of Utah Code Ann. §§ 63G-4-401, 63G-4-403, and the Utah Rules of Appellate Procedure.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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