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Gerry Hoyt Operations/Safety Manager Garkane Energy Cooperative 1802 South Highway 89A Kanab, UT 84741

Re: Docket No. 25-028-01 - Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.'s Wildland Fire

Protection Plan

Dear Mr. Hoyt,

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.'s ("Garkane") Wildland Fire Protection Plan (WFPP) filed January 21, 2025, pursuant to Utah Code § 54–24–203(3). The WFPP provides information on, without limitation, Existing Wildfire Planning Efforts, Wildfire Prevention Strategy and Programs, Wildfire Risk Analysis and Risk Drivers, and Community Outreach and Education. The cover letter states that the WFPP was approved by Garkane's Board on October 28, 2024.

The PSC also reviewed the comments filed by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) on February 12, 2025. DPU states that Garkane requested an extension for the approval of the final WFPP to assimilate the insights from interested parties and update them into the 2023 WFPP. DPU summarizes the key details of Garkane's service area and the contents of the WFPP. DPU concludes that, although filed late, Garkane's filing technically complies, and recommends Garkane align its future WFPP and Compliance reports with statutory dates as required by Utah Code § 54-24-203. DPU also recommends that Garkane consider including anticipated expenditures, other milestones, and yearly target numbers in future WFPPs. DPU recommends the PSC acknowledge the WFPP.

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Based on the PSC's review of the WFPP and DPU's comments and recommendations, the PSC determines that the WFPP meets the requirements of Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(2)(a) through (g). The PSC acknowledges the WFPP complies with Utah Code § 54-24-203. Pursuant to Utah Code Ann. § 54-24-203(5)(a), the WFPP is available for public inspection at the PSC's offices and on its website.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg PSC Secretary DW#338465