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## Action Request Response

**To:** Public Service Commission of Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

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**Date:** June 18, 2025

**Re:** **Docket No(s). 25-028-04 and 25-035-35:** In the Matter of the Application of Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Rocky Mountain Power to Amend the Companies Certificated Service Areas.

## Recommendation (Approval)

The Division of Public Utilities ("Division") has reviewed the application by Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc. ("Garkane") and Rocky Mountain Power ("RMP") (together the "Companies") to amend the certificated service areas of the two Companies and recommends the Public Service Commission ("Commission") approve these application(s).

The Division expects that based on the information submitted by Garkane and RMP there will be no objections or opposition to this recommendation. Therefore, the Division agrees with the Companies' requests that this docket be adjudicated informally in accordance with Utah Administrative Code R746-110-1.



## **Discussion**

On or about May 23, 2025, Garkane and RMP filed an application(s) with the Commission to amend certificated service areas of the two companies. The Division has reviewed this application and found the following:

Garkane provides retail electrical service to Hildale City, Utah. Recently Hildale City annexed approximately 2205 acres of surrounding ground. Of this annexed acreage, half was in Garkane's service area and the other half in RMP's. After the annexation, Hildale City approached Garkane requesting that it be the company to provide service to the newly acquired area. At the time of Hildale City's annexation, RMP customer base in the area consisted of irrigation customers.

Garkane approached RMP about this request and subsequently entered into an asset purchase agreement in September 2024. Whereby, RMP sold its distribution assets in the area to Garkane. Garkane has submitted a redline copy and a clean copy of the revised service area, Exhibits G and H respectively. Along with the exhibits showing the amended service area, Garkane submitted the bill of sale, Exhibit F, to show what assets were purchased. The purchased asset value is de minimis.

## **Conclusion**

Based on the Division's review of the filing, it appears that this transaction has been executed in good faith between the Companies and recommends the Commission approve this request to amend certificated service areas of the two companies as requested.

The Division expects that based on the information submitted by Garkane and RMP, it will generate no objections or opposition to this recommendation. Therefore, the Division agrees with the request of the Companies that this docket be adjudicated informally in accordance with Utah Administrative Code R746-110-1.

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