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## Action Request Response

**To:** Public Service Commission of Utah

**From:** Utah Division of Public Utilities

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**Date:** May 15, 2025

**Re:** **Docket No. 25-028-T02**, Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc Tariff Revisions.

## Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The State of Utah, Division of Public Utilities ("Division") recommends that the Public Service Commission of Utah ("Commission") acknowledge Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.'s ("Garkane") proposed Utah Tariffs revisions for Schedules Net Metering Residential COG33, Plant Investment Fees & Service Charge SC, Small Commercial Net Metering COG34, Large Commercial Net Metering COG35, Distributed Energy Resource Standby Service COG37 ("Tariffs"). The requested effective date for this filing is Sunday, June 1, 2025.

## Issue

On Friday, May 2, 2025, Garkane submitted the following revised and new tariffs to the Commission.

- Schedule No. COG33 Net Metering Service (Residential)
  - Redline & Approved
- Schedule SC Plant Investment Fees & Service Charges
  - Redline & Approved
- Schedule No. COG 34 Small Commercial Net Metering Service (General Service)
  - Redline & Approved
- Schedule No. GOG35 Large Commercial Net Metering Service (General Service)



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- Approved (new tariff)
- Schedule No. COG37 Distributed Energy Resource Utility Standby Service
  - Approved (new tariff)

Garkane is requesting the Commission acknowledge the revised and new tariffs with an effective date of June 1, 2025. The proposed tariff changes and the new tariffs were reviewed and approved by Garkane Energy's Board of Directors on April 21, 2025.

## **Background**

On May 2, 2025, Garkane filed certain tariff changes recently approved by its governing board. On the same day, the Commission issued an Action Request for the Division to investigate the filing. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.

## **Discussion**

Garkane filed revised tariff pages for Schedule No. COG33 Net Metering Service (Residential), Schedule SC Plant Investment Fees & Service Charges, and Schedule No. COG34 Small Commercial Net Metering Service (General Service). Garkane also filed new tariffs for Schedule No. GOG35 Large Commercial Net Metering Service (General Service) and Schedule No. COG37 Distributed Energy Resource Utility Standby Service for its Utah tariffs.

In compliance with the Utah Code Ann. § 54-7-12(7), notice was announced on Garkane's website at [www.garkaneenergy.com/rates](http://www.garkaneenergy.com/rates). In addition, the current and proposed tariff provisions were available for examination and explanation at Garkane's offices in Loa, Hatch, and Kanab, UT. Public comments were taken on April 21, 2025, at Garkane's board meeting in Hatch, UT. Weekly notices were published in *The Insider*, a local newspaper distributed throughout Garkane's service territory on April 10, 2025, and April 17, 2025. See the link below.

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Garkane held a public meeting of its members on April 21, 2025. Following the public meeting, the changes were approved by its Board of Directors.

Utah Code Ann. § 54-3-3 requires utilities to provide at least 30 days' notice to the Commission prior to the effective date of changes to the utility's "...rate, fare, toll, rental, charge or classification...". As noted above, Garkane filed the tariff with the Commission on Thursday, May 1, 2025, requesting a tariff effective date of June 1, 2025. The current filing provides the requisite 30 days' notice.

The Division notes Garkane complied with timely notification of its members and held a public hearing. Utah Admin. Code R746-405-2(D)(6) requires utilities to provide both clean and marked-up versions of tariff sheets identifying the tariff sheet changes and Garkane has provided the redline and approved copies of the tariffs.

Included in the filing are Board approved new tariffs and modified tariffs. The main purpose for the tariff changes are to include safety standards for net metering rates that weren't included in the past. Due to commercial members wanting to install large solar generation systems on site, the large net metering tariff is established. Previously, Garkane only had small commercial members. Garkane created a new rate for standby solar members. The new tariff would apply to members that have solar and battery backup and could supply all of their electricity needs but still want to be connected to the grid for standby service. Garkane created this rate to recover costs to maintain its electrical service facilities. The tariff changes to the service charges provide an additional option for members who do not want an AMI or smart meter.

## **Conclusion**

The Division recommends the Commission acknowledge Garkane's Net Metering Residential COG33, Plant Investment Fees & Service Charge SC, and Small Commercial Net Metering COG34 tariff revisions along with the new Large Commercial Net Metering COG35 and Distributed Energy Resources Standby Service COG37 tariffs with an effective date of June 1, 2025, and make them available for public inspection.

cc: Neal Brown, Garkane Energy Cooperative, Inc.  
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