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Action Request Response

To: Public Service Commission of Utah

From: Utah Division of Public Utilities

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Date: February 26, 2025

Re: **Docket No. 25-031-T01**, Mt. Wheeler Power, Inc.'s Proposed Tariff Revisions

Recommendation (Acknowledge)

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends the Utah Public Service Commission (Commission) acknowledge the proposed rate change for Mt. Wheeler Power (Mt. Wheeler) customers and make it available for public inspection with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

Issue

On February 12, 2025, Mt. Wheeler filed with the Commission with a redlined version of its proposed changes to its tariff rate schedule. On the same date, the Commission issued an Action Request asking the Division to investigate the filing and to report back by February 26, 2025. This memorandum represents the Division's response to the Commission's Action Request.



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Discussion

In its filing Mt. Wheeler indicated that the rate adjustment it is seeking is driven by increases in material costs it has experienced. The Division reviewed the filing in light of Utah Code 54-7-12(7). This provision requires Mt. Wheeler to file its proposed tariff changes, along with board approval of the changes and customer notification. In compliance with section 54-7-12(7), Mt. Wheeler indicated that the Board of Directors had approved the new rate schedules in meetings held October 15, 2024 & November 12, 2024 and notice was announced on the company’s website at <https://www.mwpower.net/current-rate-schedule>. Mt. Wheeler Power began sharing with customers the information and communication about the increase formally in July 2024, continuing through January 2025.

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 rate schedule. Mt. Wheeler filed the tariff with the Commission on February 12, 2025, requesting an effective tariff date of January 1st, 2025. Utah Code Ann. § 54-3-3 allows the Commission to acknowledge tariff changes without requiring the 30 days’ notice for good cause. The Division sees no significant or material harm in not having allowed 30-day notice to the Commission.

Mt. Wheeler Proposed Changes:

| Utah Schedule | Old Rate | New Rate |
|--|--|---|
| Single-phase Residential Energy Delivery Charge | \$21.50 per meter per month | \$32.00 per meter per month |
| Metered Residential or Commercial (GS) Electric Heat Rate Additional Meter Charge | \$8.00 per extra meter | \$12.00 per extra meter |
| Independent Metered (Stand alone Service) Residential or Commercial Electric Heat Rate | \$25.00 per meter per month | \$30.00 per meter per month |
| Unmetered Residential Electric Heat Rate Energy Delivery Charge | \$21.50 | No Longer Necessary |
| Single phase and Three phase Small Commercial Energy Delivery Charge | \$28.00 | \$36.00 |
| Large General Service and Large Commercial Transformers Energy Delivery Charge | \$105.00 | \$125.00 |
| Electric Vehicle Energy Delivery Charge | \$105.00 | \$125.00 |
| Large Commercial Off Peak Energy Delivery Charge | \$105.00 | \$125.00 |
| Large Commercial Energy Delivery Charge | \$1400.00/\$2650.00 | \$1550.00/\$2850.00 |
| Large Commercial Energy Delivery Charge Submeter Heat | \$0.00 | \$36.00 |
| Large Commercial Energy Delivery Charge No Submeter Heat | \$105.00 | \$125.00 |
| Standard Irrigation Energy Delivery Charge | \$8.00 x Highest Kw previous year x 1.34/6 per month | \$10.00 x Highest Kw previous year x 1.34/6 per month |

Conclusion

The Division recommends that the Commission Acknowledge the revised tariff sheets and make them available for public inspection with an effective date of January 1, 2025.

cc: Kevin Robinson, Mt. Wheeler Power, Inc.