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Utah Public Service Commission  
160 East 300 South, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
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*Re: 2024 Wildland Fire Protection Plan Annual Compliance Report*

To Whom It May Concern,

Utah Code 54-24-203(3) establishes the process for electric cooperatives to prepare a wildland fire protection plan. In 2023, Deseret Generation and Transmission Cooperative (“Deseret Power”) prepared and presented a wildland fire protection plan that was subsequently approved by its governing authority. A copy of that action and the wildland fire protection plan was filed with the Public Service Commission for public inspection as required by 54-24-203(5)(a) in March, 2024, after incorporating necessary feedback from various stakeholders, including the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands.

Additionally, Utah Code 54-24-203(4) states that an electric cooperative must file an annual report detailing the electric cooperative’s compliance with the approved wildland fire protection plan. This filing confirms that Deseret Power presented the compliance report to its governing authority at a regularly scheduled and noticed board meeting held on November 21, 2024 and subsequently filed the report with its governing authority according to 54-24-203(5)(b). That report is attached below for the Commission to file and make available for public inspection.

Deseret Power has complied with the statutory requirements of 54-24-203 and is available for further questions from the Commission if needed.

Sincerely,

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# Wildland Fire Protection Plan

## 2024 Annual Update

Deseret Power continues to enhance the effectiveness of its Wildland Fire Protection Plan (the “Plan”) and is pleased to report the progress achieved in 2024. This work demonstrates Deseret’s commitment to safeguarding its transmission facilities and the communities Deseret serves from the threat of wildland fires. In accordance with Deseret’s approved Plan and industry best practices, Deseret implemented measures across multiple operational areas. This year, Deseret completed several key initiatives that strengthen wildfire prevention and response capabilities. These include the following:

1. **Weather Station Implementation and Monitoring System:** Deseret strategically placed five weather stations across various locations to monitor environmental conditions and enhance fire risk assessment capabilities. These stations provide real-time data on temperature, humidity, wind speed, and precipitation, enabling proactive risk management decisions. The stations are located at:
  - a. Cobble Rock (near Nephi, highway 132 and Nebo loop road)
  - b. Thistle Junction (near junction of highway 6 and highway 89)
  - c. Sheep Creek (near highway 6 and the Sheep Creek Rd 051)
  - d. Vernal (5 miles southeast of Vernal city)
  - e. Calamity (9 miles northeast of Rangely, CO)
2. **Infrastructure Maintenance and Inspections:** Comprehensive annual aerial and ground-based inspections were conducted, resulting in the following maintenance actions:
  - a. In Mona, Deseret replaced conductor insulator strings on dead-ends 125 & 565 (B phase), replaced 16 static insulators near Duchesne and 40 near Thistle, and installed a conductor repair rod on a damaged (gunshot) wire near STR 186.
  - b. In Upalco, Deseret replaced 9 tangents between BNZ and Roosevelt, totaling 243 insulators on the Upalco 138 line, and replaced 8 static insulators on the line.
3. **Vegetation Management:** Recognizing the critical role of vegetation management in reducing wildland fire risk, Deseret conducted extensive cutting and clearing operations in areas identified as having a heightened risk of wildland fire. Following industry best practices and its approved vegetation management protocols, Deseret cleared a 150’ wide area between structures 589-604 on the Bonanza-Mona 345 kV Transmission line, with additional cutting planned between structures 604-610. These efforts have primarily focused on juniper trees, which are particularly labor-intensive to cut. Deseret’s vegetation management program includes regular assessments, scheduled maintenance, and emergency response protocols to address immediate risks.

These initiatives are integral to Deseret's commitment to enhance the safety and reliability of the electric facilities and communities Deseret serves. Through careful planning, execution, and ongoing evaluation of our wildland fire protection measures, Deseret strives to uphold effective fire safety and environmental practices.