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Via Email

Mr. Bob Larsen, Operations Manager
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Re: Docket No. 26-022-01 - *Bridger Valley Electric Association's Wildland Fire Protection Plan Compliance Report*

Dear Mr. Larsen,

The Public Service Commission (PSC) reviewed Bridger Valley Electric Association's (BVEA) January 20, 2026, filing of its 2026 Wildland Fire Protection Plan (WFPP) Compliance Report ("Report"), pursuant to Utah Code § 54-24-203(4). The report details the 2025 operational activities that BVEA carried out for wildfire mitigation, infrastructure maintenance, and emergency response, including:

- Trimming trees in Dutch John, Utah and Manila, Utah from January to April 2025,
- Weeding and pest control along Highway 150, Lonetree Road, and within Lancer Ranch, Manor Lands, and Pine Plateau associations,
- Distributing flyers in Summit County regarding residential wildfire preparedness, and
- Adjusting its system settings to minimize ignition risks during the peak fire season including placing all reclosers on non-reclose settings in Bear River and Summit County from June 26 to October 1, 2025 and manually managing main feeder breakers on high-risk days to prevent potential fire starts, despite the increased risk of power interruptions.

Additionally, BVEA reported spending \$89,509 on tree trimming efforts and right of way work in 2025 and adhering to the annual inspection schedule specified in its plan. It also tested 592 poles in 2025 and worked with the Command Center during the Beulah fire, which occurred near its service territory.

The PSC also reviewed the comments filed by the Division of Public Utilities (DPU) on February 4, 2026. DPU summarizes the actions taken by BVEA in 2025 and states that the Report was presented to BVEA's governing authority in a board meeting on January 20, 2026. Additionally, DPU recommended that BVEA consider taking the following actions, consistent with DPU's recommendations to other electric cooperatives:

1. Improve accountability by presenting actual metrics and costs directly alongside the original goals and budgets.
2. Clearly separate fire suppression costs from mitigation costs to provide a more accurate financial picture of different wildfire-related activities.

DPU recommends the PSC acknowledge that BVEA has complied with the filing requirements in Utah Code § 54-24-203(4)(b).

Based on the PSC's review of the Report and DPU's comments and recommendation, the PSC acknowledges the Report complies with Utah Code § 54-24-203(4). Pursuant to Utah Code § 54-24-203(5)(b), the Report is available for public inspection at the PSC's offices and on its website.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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