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Via Email

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Re: *Wells Rural Electric Company's Wildfire Mitigation Plan*, Docket No. 26-036-01

Dear Mr. Brodsho,

The Public Service Commission (PSC) received and reviewed Wells Rural Electric Company's (WREC) September 2, 2026, filing of its "Wildfire Mitigation Assessment and Plan" (WMAP). The WMAP was prepared by BROWN & KYSAR, INC. (BKI) for WREC and WREC's board adopted the WMAP on August 17, 2026. BKI made the following recommendations for adoption by WREC:

1. Automating the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration ("NOAA") alerts and adding live fire interface portals (e.g., Utah Department of Natural Resources and New Severe Fire Weather Potential Interface).
2. Mapping asset overlays in both Utah and Nevada to prioritize high-threat districts.
3. Formalizing inspections and vegetation management programs into an officially adopted policy document.
4. Developing formal Crisis Communication, Emergency Response, and Emergency Restoration Plans.

The Division of Public Utilities (DPU) filed comments on September 22, 2026. The DPU recommends that the PSC acknowledge WREC's WMAP as complying with Utah Code § 54-24-203(1)-(3). The DPU notes that WREC has not filed its required

annual compliance reports for 2023, 2024, and 2025 per Utah Code § 54-24-203(4) and recommends WREC submit these missing reports to achieve full statutory compliance. Additionally, the DPU supports the implementation of BKI's recommendations. Further, the DPU advises WREC to consider two additions to its future WMAP to better track progress and costs. Specifically, DPU recommends WREC outline planned mitigation activities separated by year; and include forecasted annual expenditures for each year of the plan.

Based on the PSC's review of the Report and DPU's recommendation, the PSC acknowledges the WMAP has complied with Utah Code § 54-24-203. The PSC requests that WREC file its annual compliance reports for 2023, 2024, and 2025, or, if those reports do not exist, file a statement that those reports are unavailable. Pursuant to Utah Code § 54-24-203(5), the WMAP is available for public inspection at the PSC.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gary L. Widerburg

PSC Secretary

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