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Public Service Commission of Utah  
Heber M. Wells Building, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
160 East 300 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114

Attention: Julie P. Orchard  
Commission Secretary

Re: Docket No. 08-999-05 - Recommendation on Home Energy Reports

In their order dated December 17, 2009, in which the Commission adopted the PURPA Smart Grid Information Standard in the above referenced docket, the Commission directed the DSM advisory group to review the concept of a “home energy report” and provide a recommendation to the Commission whether such a report is appropriate for Rocky Mountain Power’s Utah service territory. The Commission directed such recommendation be provided by May 1, 2010. Relevant language from page 19 of the Commission’s order is provided below.

“...we direct the DSM advisory group to review the Home Energy Report and provide a recommendation whether or not such report is appropriate and, if so, an estimate of the costs and timing necessary to implement such report. Said recommendation shall be submitted to the Commission by May 1, 2010.”

The concept of the home energy report was introduced in this docket by a group of parties consisting of the Brendle Group, Park City Municipal Corporation Environmental Sustainability Department, the Environmental Defense Fund, the Town of Alta, and Utah Clean Energy (“Brendle et al”). In their comments to the Commission in this docket submitted on November 25, 2009, Brendle et al stated that home energy reports are able to provide residential and commercial customers information on their energy usage and the source of that energy. In their December 17, 2009 order, the Commission found merit in the concept of a home energy report stating that information provided in such reports “could have an immediate impact on energy conservation in the Company’s Utah service territory.”

Rocky Mountain Power believes that such reports are worthy of further consideration. In fact, as part of a set of proposals requested by the Company and received in 2009, the Company is in the process of evaluating bids from vendors, some of which propose to provide some variation of a “home energy report” to Rocky Mountain Power’s Utah customers. Unfortunately, due to procurement policy and confidentiality considerations, being in an open procurement process that includes evaluating proposals for a “home energy report” makes it difficult for the Company

to engage in meaningful open exchanges of information with these vendors outside of the immediate procurement efforts. Being in an open procurement process also makes it challenging for the Company to lead an exploratory effort with the DSM advisory group until we complete the evaluation of our outstanding proposals. The “home comparison report” proposals are part of a larger set of proposals currently under review by the Company. The Company expects to have completed all reviews associated with these procurement efforts no later than the fourth quarter of 2010. Rocky Mountain Power believes that the additional information being gathered during the current procurement process will greatly inform the DSM advisory group’s consideration of “home energy reports.”

In order to allow Rocky Mountain Power to complete its ongoing procurement process, the Company respectfully requests an extension of the due date for the “home energy report” recommendation from May 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011. Should the Commission approve this request, the Company will, by February 28, 2011, either bring forth a proposal for a “home comparison report” for review and comment by the DSM advisory group or will lead a DSM advisory group effort to study these reports and provide a recommendation to the Commission whether such a report is appropriate and, if so, an estimate of the costs and timing necessary for implementation. In recognition that the Company is requesting a 10 month delay for the due date of this report, the Company is prepared to submit to the Commission on May 1, 2010, a report which provides a summary level inventory of known “home energy reports” that are currently being provided to electric utility customers in the United States, should the Commission feel that this information would be useful.

Any inquiries regarding this request may be directed to Dave Taylor, manager of Utah regulatory affairs, at (801) 220-2923.

Sincerely,

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