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MEMORANDUM

TO: Public Service Commission

FROM: Division of Public Utilities
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DATE: April 21, 2010

RE: Docket No. 08-999-05. Recommendation on Home Energy Report

RECOMMENDATION

The Division of Public Utilities (Division) recommends that the Public Service Commission (Commission) approve Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) request for an extension of the due date for the Home Energy Report recommendation from May 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011.

ISSUE AND DISCUSSION

In its Order in Docket No. 08-999-05 dated December 17, 2009, the Commission directed the DSM Advisory Group to review the concept of a Home Energy Report and provide a recommendation to the Commission by May 1, 2010. Specifically, the Order stated

“...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.”

To comply with this Order, the DSM group would need to collect information about Home Energy Reports from the vendors that developed and implemented such reports. The Division would want the Company to lead such an investigative effort and lead the DSM Advisory Group discussions. However, as indicated in RMP's request letter submitted to the Commission on April 8, 2010, the Division notes that RMP is in the process of reviewing and evaluating bids it received in response to DSM request for proposals. Some of the vendors are proposing adoption of a home energy report. Because of confidentiality issues, this puts the Company in a position where it cannot openly discuss the merits and costs of Home Energy Reports with members of the DSM Advisory Group or these vendors or share any information it gains through the procurement process. The Division believes that the information the Company gains from these vendors could be used to inform the DSM Advisory Group in formulating a recommendation if the due date for this recommendation is postponed.

Therefore, the Division recommends that the Commission approve the Company's requested extension of the due date of the recommendation from May 1, 2010 to February 28, 2011. The Division also supports the Company filing a summary level report of known Home Energy Reports in the interim.

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