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September 12, 2013

Ms. Phillips,

Thank you for taking the time to email the Public Service Commission of Utah (Commission). The Commissioners asked me to respond to your inquiries.

If by "post bonds" you are referring to the practice of issuing bonds to support an investment, you may be referring to a practice undertaken by municipal public utilities such as cities that operate their own power systems and provide retail electricity to customers.

The Commission does not regulate municipal power or water utilities. The Commission has jurisdiction over investor-owned public utilities, such as PacifiCorp. PacifiCorp provides electric service in Utah under the name of Rocky Mountain Power. As an investor-owned utility, Rocky Mountain Power generally funds investment through debt or issuance of stock. Any borrowing or issuance of stock by Rocky Mountain Power is thoroughly vetted before the Commission.

The Commission holds hearings to determine rates Rocky Mountain Power may charge and to determine the reasonable rate of return Rocky Mountain Power may earn on its investments. The hearings are open to the public. The Commission also schedules a "Public Witness" day and invites the public to testify.

The Commission has a website where written testimony and scheduled events are available for public review. You may monitor cases through the "Watch this Docket" option available on the Commission's website. You will then be notified by email when orders regarding the proceeding are issued by the Commission and when parties to the case have submitted written comments.

Please visit the Commission's website: <http://www.psc.utah.gov/> for more information about the agency and proceedings underway.

Again, thank you for your input and questions and please don't hesitate to contact us again, either directly or in the context of a specific case.

Sincerely,

Gary Widerburg  
Commission Secretary  
Public Service Commission