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Dear Commissioners,

I write with regard to Utah Public Service Commission Docket No. 21-999-01 --Miscellaneous Correspondence and Reports Regarding Electric Utility Services; 2021-- and the PSC's May 11, 2021 "Notice of Confidential Technical Conference" which indicates that the technical conference on May 26, 2021 is to be held virtually and the public denied access. I object to this decision, ask that it be reconsidered, and request that the PSC allow public access to those portions of the technical conference that do not reveal proprietary information. I suggest that the PSC divide the conference into two parts --first open, then confidential-- as has been done on previous occasions.

The Utah public has economic, public health, and environmental interests in learning how decisions of the California Independent System Operator (CAISO) may affect electricity availability and pricing, state energy policy and regulation, fuel mixes of Utah's leading and secondary utilities, and the future of our state's renewable energy businesses. Limiting access to this information only to representatives of state agencies (DPU and OCS), PacifiCorp, and the PSC undermines the ability of interested Utahns to make decisions as better-informed consumers and engaged citizens.

As noted in its May 4, 2021 "Notice of Requested Technical Conference", the PSC asked that PacifiCorp conduct a technical conference to address "any potential economic or reliability implications to its Utah customers" resulting from CAISO's April 21, 2021 rule changes dealing with load, export, and wheeling priorities. The PSC expressed no need for a *confidential* event until the May 11 Notice, when "wholesale market transactions and other sensitive data" were added to the topics to be addressed.

I suggest that whatever proprietary content was added to the agenda between the May 4 and May 11 Notices that warrants confidentiality be addressed in the second half of the conference as a closed session. The first half of the conference should be open, so that the public can have knowledge of what CAISO did on April 21, 2021 that might affect Utah.

Please revise your May 11 ruling and open at least part of the May 26 technical conference to the public.

Thank you.

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