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Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER OF ITS
INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLAN (IRP) FOR 2013 - DOCKET NO. 20000-424-EA-13
(RECORD NO. 13425)

LETTER ORDER (Issued December 4, 2014)

Dear Mr. Larsen:

On March 31, 2014, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) filed its 2013 Integrated Resource Plan Update (IRP Update). From August 12, 2014, through December 2, 2014, notice of the IRP Update was placed on the Commission's open meeting agendas and on the Commission's website. The notice advised written comments were due on or before October 3, 2014; the Company's reply comments were due on or before November 6, 2014; and the IRP Update would be discussed during the open meeting of December 2, 2014. The Commission received no comments.

At the Commission's open meeting of December 2, 2014, Stacy Splittstoesser, Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager; Ted Drennan, Manager of IRP; and Hui Shu, Manager of Planning and Evaluation, appeared in person for RMP. Rick Link, Director of Origination; Chad Teply, Vice President, Resource Development and Construction; and Rick Vail, Vice President of Transmission participated by telephone for the Company. Mr. Drennan provided an overview of the Company's IRP Update, noting the key findings of the IRP Update. Commission staff recommended accepting the IRP Update for filing.

Commission Rule § 253, states:

Any utility serving in Wyoming required to file an integrated resource plan (IRP) in any jurisdiction, shall file that IRP with the Wyoming Public Service Commission. The Commission may require any utility serving in Wyoming to prepare and file an IRP when the Commission determines it is in the public interest. Commission advisory staff shall review the IRP as directed by the Commission and report its findings to the Commission in open meeting. The review may be conducted in accordance with guidelines set from time to time as conditions warrant.

Consistent with Rule § 253, the Commission directs that the referenced IRP be placed in the Commission's files with no further action required.

The placement of the IRP in the Commission's files shall not be construed as prior Commission approval of the IRP or any of the representations, forecasts, or conclusions contained therein for any purpose, including, without limitation, ratemaking. Further, the placement of the IRP in the Commission's files shall not be construed as an acknowledgment of the IRP as fulfilling the documentation requirement of Commission Rule § 249(g) which states, in part:

(g) As part of all pass-on filings under this rule, including all balancing account applications under Section 250, the public utility shall provide supporting documentation that the gas, electric or water commodity costs included in the pass on application are the most reasonable option practically available to the public utility for safe, adequate and reliable service to retail customers, including, but not limited to:

(i) Documentation demonstrating the efforts taken by the public utility to serve its customers result in the most reasonable rate available consistent with safe, adequate and reliable service. A public utility may file integrated resource plans or commodity acquisition plans for Commission review and such plans, after acknowledgment by the Commission, shall comply with this requirement.

Should RMP choose to rely on the IRP to meet the documentation requirements of Rule § 249(g), the IRP or relevant portions of it should be attached to any pass-on or commodity balancing account filing, wherein the information will be subject to review by the Commission and any interested parties.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to open meeting action taken on December 2, 2014, Rocky Mountain Power's 2013 Integrated Resource Plan Update is hereby placed in the Commission's files. No further action will be taken and this matter is closed.

2. This *Letter Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on December 4, 2014.

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