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Office of Consumer Services

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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services
Thursday, May 7, 2014, 9:00 a.m..

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kelly Casaday
Robert McMullin
Kirsten Peterson
Stephen Christensen (via phone)
Andrew Riggle (via phone)

Staff in Attendance:

Michele Beck
Dan Gimble
Gavin Mangelson

A powerpoint presentation accompanied this meeting and is incorporated as part of these minutes.

1. Welcome & Business

Kelly Casaday, chair, welcomed the Committee members.

2. Minutes

Kirsten Peterson made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the January 21, 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded by Robert McMullin and passed unanimously.

3. Case Updates

Michele Beck provided an overview of ongoing cases including the final outcome of the Questar rate case, recent DSM filings, a recent solar PPA, and the most recent Questar passthrough case. She also outlined the list of new and upcoming utility filings.

4. 2014 Legislation Session

Michele Beck explained three pieces of legislation passed this session that will impact the work of the Office: SB67 sub 1 (related to provisions for Kennecott leaving the utility system and participating in the market, HB171 sub 1 (changing Questar's line extension policy), and SB208 sub 2 (changing the allowed rate structures and required analysis for net metering.) She also reviewed other legislation that passed and didn't pass that might be of interest as well as the list of interim study items related to utilities and energy policy.

5. Open and Public Meetings Training

Although it is not clear that the Committee meets the precise definition of a public body, it chooses to follow the tenets of the Open and Public Meetings Act. Thus, the Committee was briefed on the key elements of the Open and Public Meetings Act including: the purpose; requirements for public notice, minutes and recording, and closed meetings; provisions for emergency and electronic meetings; and penalties for non-compliance.

6. Rocky Mountain Power General Rate Case

Michele Beck provided an overview of the direct testimony filed in the Cost of Capital and Revenue Requirement portions of the case. She also gave an overview of the key elements of the cost of service and rate design portion of the case. The Office is currently in the process of developing positions and draft testimony for that phase of the case. Finally, Michele Beck led a discussion with the Committee about the challenges and issues surrounding net metering.

7. Closed Meeting

Robert McMullin made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion of strategy in pending litigation before the Utah Public Service Commission. Kirsten Christensen seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Robert McMullin made a motion to come out of closed session and Kirsten Christensen seconded the motion. It passed unanimously. No actions were taken in closed session.

8. Other Business and Adjourn

After the closed meeting, the Committee briefly discussed the anticipated trend for Rocky Mountain Power's rates. Michele Beck indicated that RMP's website provided a three year estimate and staff will follow up by sending a link. The Committee also briefly discussed a new RMP solar project. Finally, the Committee discussed that its next meeting would likely be held in September. Michele Beck will send a doodle poll close to that time period.

Robert McMullin made a motion to adjourn and it passed unanimously.