



# Office of Consumer Services

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### **Final Minutes of the Public Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services**

Wednesday, September 11, 2024 9:00 a.m.  
Rm. 402, 4th Floor, Heber M. Wells Building  
160 E. 300 S. Salt Lake City, Utah 84111

#### **Committee Members in Attendance:**

Larry Skinner  
Bruce Hutchinson

DJ Laub  
Daniela Harding

#### **Public in Attendance:**

Austin Summers, Dominion Energy Utah

#### **Staff in Attendance:**

Michele Beck

Jennifer Dean

1. Welcome & Business  
Chairman Larry Skinner welcomed and called the meeting to order.
2. Public Comment  
Mr. Larry Skinner offered members of the public an opportunity to make comments.  
No public comments were offered.
3. Minutes  
Mr. Bruce Hutchinson made a motion to approve the draft minutes from May 8, 2024. Mr. DJ Laub seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously. [Rollcall: Mr. Larry Skinner approved, Mr. Bruce Hutchinson approved, Ms. Daniela Harding approved, and Mr. DJ Laub approved.]

4. Case Updates

Ms. Michele Beck discussed case updates and highlighted Legislative Committee Meeting, PSC Order on PacifiCorp IRP outlining new requirements that will begin in the next IRP cycle, Enbridge acquisition of Questar being official and the communications plan being implemented, and MSP discussions being temporarily paused. Committee members had a few questions and Ms. Beck answered.

5. Review Policy Objectives

Ms. Beck provided history on the CCS policy objectives, including the goal to re-evaluate the policy objectives approximately every five years and either be affirmed, edited, or deleted to ensure they remain relevant. Ms. Beck recommended an edit to policy objective number two as shown below in redline.

The Committee of Consumer Services supports a process for determining new electric resources that considers all appropriate costs, benefits and risks to Utah consumers. The Committee does not support a preference for any type of fuel or generating source, **except as required by Utah law**, but rather a decision that minimizes costs (appropriately considering risk) and maximizes benefits to consumers in the long run.

The Committee discussed the existing and proposed language, including potential changes to policy objective number seven to make the language more consistent with the other objectives. The Committee members agreed to do a more complete dive into all the policy objectives in the spring after the RMP GRC and Ms. Beck invited them to send ideas and draft language before then for compilation. Ms. Daniela Harding made the motion to approve the edits on policy objective number two and Mr. Larry Skinner seconded that motion and it passed unanimously. [Rollcall: Mr. Larry Skinner voted yes, Mr. Bruce Hutchinson voted yes, Ms. Daniela Harding voted yes, and Mr. DJ Laub voted yes.]

6. Rocky Mountain Power General Rate Case Overview

Ms. Beck gave an overview of on the RMP general rate case and provided a summary of amended rate increase, proposed percentage increase by customer class, an overview of review process phase 1 and phase 2, and the schedule for the case. The Committee discussed some of the issues and supported the list of topics and questions that the OCS would be investigating.

7. Closed Session: Pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205 (1)(c): Strategy sessions to discuss pending or reasonably imminent litigation.

Chairman Larry Skinner made a motion to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing a concern. Mr. Bruce Hutchinson second the motion and it passed unanimously. Mr. Larry Skinner made a motion to go back into public session. Ms. Daniela Harding second the motion and it passed unanimously. The Committee members discussed docket

*24-035-04 Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Authority to Increase its Retail Electric Utility Service Rates in Utah and for Approval of its Proposed Electric Service Schedules and Electric Service Regulations*, and took no action while in closed session.

8. Other Business & Adjourn

The Committee members determined that the next meeting will be held electronically on November 7, 2024.

Mr. Skinner adjourned the meeting at approximately 11:08 am.