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Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services
Thursday, October 10, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members in Attendance:

Kelly Casaday	Robert McMullin
Stephen Christensen	Dennis Nordfelt
Andrew Riggle	Kirsten Peterson

Staff in Attendance:

Michele Beck	Dan Gimble	Bela Vastag
Danny Martinez		

Members of the Public in Attendance:

Danny Harris, AARP
Kevin Emerson, Utah Clean Energy
Peter Ashcroft, Office of Energy Development
Austin Summers, Questar Gas

The attached powerpoint presentation was used to facilitate this meeting and is incorporated by reference into these minutes.

1. Welcome & Business

Kelly Casaday, chair, welcomed the Committee members and public.

2. Minutes

Dennis Nordfelt made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the March 19, 2013 meeting. The motion was seconded by Andrew Riggle and passed unanimously.

3. Case & Legislative Updates

Michele Beck provided an update on recent cases including:

- a description of the Commission orders on the voluntary request for approval of investment in pollution control equipment at the Jim Bridger plant and the avoided cost methodology for renewable QF facilities;
- a report of the settlements for the voluntary request for approval of long-term natural gas contract(s), the PacifiCorp depreciation filing, and the EBA true-up filing;
- a description of the reports issues in the SB275 process;

- highlights of the multiple smaller cases on which the Office filed memos in the last several months; and
- a listing of recent new filings.

4. Overview: Questar General Rate Case and Other Rate Changes

Dan Martinez provided an overview of Questar's recently filed general rate case and the Office's analysis of such. The Committee also discussed the various types of Questar rate changes.

5. Utility Integrated Resource Planning

Bela Vastag provided an overview of the Office's analysis on both Rocky Mountain Power and Questar's IRP filings from this year. He also contrasted the planning environments and purposes of the two processes.

6. Overview of Office Budget, FY2013 Accomplishments and FY2014 Priorities

Michele Beck provided an overview of the following:

- The Office's fiscal year 2013 accomplishments,
- The fiscal year 2013 spending from the professional and technical budget.
- The Office's early fiscal year 2014 accomplishments, and
- The anticipated workload for the remainder of fiscal year 2014.

7. Closed Meeting: *Pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205 (1)(c): Discussion of strategy in litigation before the Utah Public Service Commission.*

Robert McMullin made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Dennis Nordfelt and passed unanimously. Later, Stephen Christensen made a motion to go back into open session. The motion was seconded by Robert McMullin and passed unanimously. The Committee took no action while in closed session.

8. Other Business

The Committee discussed the appropriate timing for its next meeting and other topics that it would like to have presented in future meetings. The Committee determined that it would like to further discuss the Wexpro II issue and will schedule a meeting in November for that purpose. The Committee also indicated a desire for more information about the level of potential impact of conservation efforts. Michele Beck indicated she would incorporate those issues into the January meeting.

Kirsten Peterson made a motion to adjourn and it passed unanimously.