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Office of Consumer Services

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services**  
Thursday, March 31, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

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

**Staff in Attendance:**

Michele Beck            Bela Vastag            Danny Martinez

**Members of the Public in Attendance:**

Kelly Mendenhall, Questar  
Sophie Hayes, Utah Clean Energy  
Randy Parker, Utah Farm Bureau Federation  
Betsy Wolf, Salt Lake Community Action Program  
Sonya Martinez, Salt Lake Community Action Program  
Claire Geddes

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

1. Welcome & Business

Robert McMullin welcomed attendees. The meeting proceeding to item four from the agenda.

2. Case Updates

Michele Beck provided an overview of the outcome of the 2011 legislative session, including bills that passed and items included in the interim study list that may have an impact on the Office's work. Those lists are included in the attached presentation. Michele next gave an update on electric cases, including the ongoing MSP (multi-state process) and Significant Energy Resource Decision cases. She indicated that two new requests for deferred accounting had been filed with the Commission, including one filed by the Office, and explained their significance. Finally, she explained the Energy Balancing Account order, including background on the issue. Michele also gave an update on two ongoing Questar gas issues and briefly mentioned ongoing telecommunication cases.

3. Minutes

Robert McMullin turned over the chair to Kelly Casaday. The draft minutes from the January meeting were presented. Dennis Nordfelt made a motion to approve the minutes. Carolyn Hunter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### 4. Election of a Vice Chair

Kelly Casady asked for nominations for a vice chair. Kirsten Peterson nominated Andrew Riggle and Carolyn Hunter seconded the nomination. Dennis Nordfelt then made a motion that nominations be closed and that Andrew be voted upon by acclamation. Robert seconded that motion. The motion passed unanimously and Andrew agreed to serve as vice chair.

#### 5. Rocky Mountain Power General Rate Case: Overview

Michele Beck provided an overview of the rate case including the overall proposal, key drivers of the rate increase and an overview of the phases of testimony. She also listed the complete rate case team. Finally, she provided additional background on the Cost of Capital phase, which is the first phase on which testimony will be filed.

#### 6. Integrated Resource Planning: Introduction

Michele Beck provided an overview of the integrated resource planning process used by PacifiCorp (Rocky Mountain Power's parent company). This included background on the PacifiCorp system, definitions and explanations of the Integrated Resource Planning and resource procurement process, as well as Office critiques of the process. She concluded with an overview of the Office's preliminary concerns about the current resource plan and a status of the process. The Office will present additional information to the Committee at a future meeting as the final IRP was expected to be distributed later that day.

#### 7. Discussion of strategy in litigation pending before the Utah Public Service Commission.

Robert McMullin made a motion to go into closed session. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Hunter and passed unanimously. Later, Robert McMullin made a motion to go back into open session. This motion was seconded by Carolyn Hunter and passed unanimously. The Committee was in closed session for approximately 20 minutes. No actions or motions occurred as a result of the closed session.

#### 8. Other Business and Adjourn

Michele Beck noted that the next meeting is scheduled for May 26<sup>th</sup> and asked the Committee whether they wanted to meet over the summer and whether they wanted to schedule the September meeting at this time. After group discussion, subsequent meetings were scheduled for July 6<sup>th</sup> and September 28<sup>th</sup>.

Carolyn Hunter made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Kirsten Peterson and passed unanimously.