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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
Office of Consumer Services

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services**  
Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Stephen Christensen                      Dennis Nordfelt                      Robert McMullin  
Carolyn Hunter                              Kirsten Peterson

**Staff in Attendance:**

Michele Beck                                      Eric Orton                                      Cheryl Murray  
Dan Gimble                                      Bela Vastag                                      Dan Martinez

**Members of the Public in Attendance:**

Kelly Mendenhall, Questar Gas  
Alex Scott, Office of Energy Development  
Betsy Wolf, Salt Lake Community Action Program  
Sara Baldwin, Utah Clean Energy

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

1. Welcome & Business

Due to the absence of the chair and vice-chair, Dennis Nordfelt temporary served as chair and welcomed Committee members and members of the public.

2. Minutes

Robert McMullin made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Stephen Christensen and passed unanimously.

3. Case Updates

Michele Beck provided an update on several recent cases including:

- The PSC issued an order that did not acknowledge PacifiCorp's 2011 Integrated Resource Plan and providing guidance for future plans.
- The Office participated in a joint request for agency action asking the PSC to establish a Steering Committee for the Rocky Mountain Power DSM Advisory Group.
- The telecom work resulting from three RFPs and the EBA tariff proceeding are continuing.

Ms. Beck also provided a recap of the 2012 legislative session. Two bills relevant to the work of the Office were passed during the session (SB12S1 allowing large customers to purchase energy directly from a renewable energy facility and SB229 codifying the status quo for VOIP regulation.) The energy code issue did not pass out of committee. Next, Ms. Beck explained the three rate changes that would go into effect on June 1<sup>st</sup>: a lower credit associated with REC revenues, the \$20 million in deferred NPC from last year's rate case settlement and approximately \$9 million in

NPC from 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 2011. In total, these will result in customer bills that are between 3.6 and 5.3% higher. Finally, Ms. Beck gave an overview of the request for rate increase filed by Rocky Mountain Power in February. The rate changes from that request will go into effect in mid-October.

#### 4. Public Meetings Training

Ed Lombard, a legal assistant in the Attorney General's office, provided a training on the Open and Public Meetings Act. During the presentation, a concern arose whether providing "notice" to newspapers was sufficient to meet the requirements of the law or whether the newspaper must publish the meeting information and whether state agencies are required to pay for such publication. Kirsten Peterson made a motion (seconded by Carolyn Hunter) to table the issue and revisit it at the next meeting after additional research was undertaken. The motion passed unanimously and the training on the topic subsequently completed.

5. Due to the timing of earlier agenda items, the Committee decided to delay the presentation about recent FCC orders to allow adequate time for the discussion of the solar issues.

#### 6. Solar Power Discussion

Cheryl Murray gave an overview of Rocky Mountain Power's solar PV pilot program, recent regulatory actions resulting in a workgroup and the progress made by the workgroup in designing a program for another five years. Next, Alene Bentley and Josh Jones from Rocky Mountain Power described an RMP study evaluating to what extent solar PV could delay necessary upgrades to a substation in a Salt Lake City neighborhood. The Committee engaged in discussion about solar PV and its role in meeting needs of RMP's customers.

#### 7. Other Business

The Committee discussed scheduling its next Committee meeting and tentatively agreed upon May 15, 2012. If that date does not work, Michele Beck will go back to the Committee to determine other possibilities.

#### 10. Adjourn

Carolyn Hunter made a motion to adjourn and it passed unanimously.