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Office of Consumer Services

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services**  
Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 9:00 a.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Kelly Casaday                      Dennis Nordfelt                      Kirsten Peterson  
Carolyn Hunter                      Robert McMullin (by phone)      Andrew Riggle

**Staff in Attendance:**

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

**Members of the Public in Attendance:**

Eric Fehr, Questar Gas  
Sophie Hayes, Utah Clean Energy  
Betsy Wolf, Salt Lake Community Action Program  
Sara Baldwin, Utah Clean Energy  
Sterling Brown, Utah Farm Bureau  
Susan White, Office of Energy Development

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

1. Welcome & Business

Kelly Casaday called the meeting to order and welcomed Committee members and the public.

2. Minutes

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

3. Case Updates

Michele Beck provided an the ongoing Energy Balancing Account case, the PacifiCorp 2011 IRP Update, and the Questar contract to deliver gas to the Lakeside 2 plant. Ms. Beck also provided an overview of the other types of work currently ongoing within the office including: the telecom RFP work, Manti Telecom recently filed general rate case, the Questar cost of service potential agreement, DSM Advisory Group and DSM memos to the Commission, and regional transmission and energy market issues. Ms. Beck also described a potential compromise position regarding the energy code advancement that is underway and indicated that an updated website for the Office is expected to be launched by July 1st.

4. Public Meetings: Update and Discussion

Michele Beck noted the aspects of the training that were incorrect at the last meeting. The Office has been meeting and exceeding all of the requirements of the Open and Public Meetings Act in providing notice of the meetings of the Committee of Consumer Services.

#### 5. Recent FCC Orders regarding the Universal Service Fund

Eric Orton gave an overview of two recent and significant orders from the FCC impacting the Universal Service Fund and described how these orders are likely to impact Utah companies and customers.

#### 6. Discussion: Customer Service Charge

Dan Gimble, Dan Martinez and Michele Beck provided some background information on customer charges, how they relate to general rate cases in general and some of the specific historical case information for Rocky Mountain Power's residential customer charge in Utah. This was followed by a robust discussion among staff and the Committee members about the related issues. The topic concluded with staff provided an overview of what the driving factors would be leading to the specific position taken by the Office on the issue in upcoming direct testimony.

#### 7. Overview: Office Positions in Rocky Mountain Power Case

Michele Beck provided an overview of the initial issues identified by the Office in the Rocky Mountain Power rate case and how the Office's revenue requirement positions will be expressed in terms of dollar adjustments to the Company's case. Staff agreed to send summaries of all the parties' positions after each round of testimony filed during the summer.

#### 8. Closed Session

Robert McMullin made a motion, seconded by Kirsten Peterson, to go into closed session pursuant to Utah Code Section 52-4-205 (1)(c) for the purpose of discussion of strategy in litigation before the Utah Public Service Commission. The motion passed unanimously and the Committee went into closed session. This closed session only addressed one of the two topics that were noticed in advance, Docket No. 11-035-200 (RMP rate case.) After a brief closed session, Dennis Nordfelt made a motion seconded by Andrew Riggle to go back into open session. The motion passed unanimously and the Committee went back into open session. No additional action was taken.

#### 9. Other Business and Adjourn

The Committee discussed scheduling its next Committee meeting and agree to schedule its next meeting for September, but would be available to schedule something over the summer if circumstances so warrant. Dennis Nordfelt made a motion to adjourn and it passed unanimously.