

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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SUBJECT: ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S APPLICATION FOR REVISIONS TO STREET LIGHTING SERVICES, CASE NO. PAC-E-07-06

On April 17, 2007, Rocky Mountain Power filed an Application for authority to revise its Electric Service Schedule No. 11 (Company-Owned Overhead System), Schedule No. 12 (Customer-Owned System), and Electric Service Regulation No. 12 (Line Extensions), regarding revisions to the Company's street lighting schedules. The Company requests that its Application be processed by Modified Procedure.

THE APPLICATION

The Company states that the purpose of this Application is to revise its street lighting schedules to clarify applicability, include expanded lighting options such as metal halide and decorative lighting, to close non-standard lights to new service, and to add or re-write service provisions clarifying Company and customer obligations surrounding the installation, conversion, and maintenance of facilities. As stated in the Application, the proposed changes are responsive to customer inquiries regarding expanded street lighting offerings.

The Company states that it has shared its proposals with representatives of multiple cities within its service territory and has worked with Commission Staff to develop this Application. The Company has sent a letter detailing its proposal to all customers receiving service under Schedules 11 and 12. The Company serves approximately 19 customers with 188 lights under Schedule 11, and 51 customers totaling 3,574 lights under Schedule 12. Of the 3,574 customer owned lights, 3,406 receive full company maintenance and another 160 receive partial maintenance.

The specific changes to Schedule 11 include: (a) metal halide and decorative fixture options are added; (b) non-standard light sizes are closed to new service, existing fixtures will continue to be maintained; (c) service to pole-mounted outlets is to be provided under a metered general service rate; (d) contract term requirement is extended from three to five years; (e) the schedule name is changed to Street Lighting Service – Company-Owned System.

The specific changes to Schedule 12 include: (a) standard lights are listed in the tariff with monthly lamp rates, a per kilowatt hour rate is available for non-listed, energy-only luminaries; (b) monthly maintenance will no longer be offered for new consumer-owned lights, however, the Company will continue to perform maintenance under existing service agreements; (c) installation, maintenance, transferring, or removal of lights must be performed by qualified personnel or, if qualified personnel are not available, by the Company at the consumer's expense; (d) service to pole-mounted outlets is to be provided under a metered general service rate; (e) references to light sizes in the "no new service" section are removed where there are no longer any active agreements; (f) references to low pressure sodium vapor 8,000, 13,500, and 22,500 lumens are removed from energy only; and (g) traffic and other signal system service is removed and is instead referenced to metered general service, the title of Schedule 12 is changed to Street Lighting Service – Consumer-Owned System.

The Company also proposes to add language to the existing Rule 12 for line extensions, specifying a street lighting line extension allowance equal to five years of revenue, based on the applicable rates for the lights to be added under Company-owned street lighting service. The allowance will be applied toward the cost of installing the required facilities and connecting to the Company's system. The Consumer must advance any costs exceeding this allowance.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that it is appropriate to process the Application under Modified Procedure, and recommends a comment deadline twenty-one (21) days from the service date of the Commission's Order.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to process this Application under Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period?



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