

DECISION MEMORANDUM

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER
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SUBJECT: ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER'S APPLICATION TO REVISE ELECTRIC SCHEDULE 115, FINANSWER EXPRESS, CASE NO. PAC-E-12-10

On May 15, 2012, Rocky Mountain Power applied to the Commission for an Order approving proposed revisions to Electric Service Schedule 115, FinAnswer Express, effective July 14, 2012. Application at 1. The Company asks Modified Procedure be used. *Id.* at 3.

THE APPLICATION

The Company says the goal of the FinAnswer Express Program (the "Program") to maximize the efficient utilization of the electricity requirements of new and existing loads in commercial buildings and industrial facilities through the installation of energy efficiency measures. The Program is available to commercial and industrial customers under General Service Rate Schedules 6, 6A, 7, 7A, 9, 12, 19, 23, 23A, 24, 35, 35A and to dairy barns served under residential rate schedules. Customers who receive service on Schedule 10 are ineligible for the Program because they receive energy efficiency services and incentives via Irrigation Energy Savers (Schedule 155). Goddard Direct at 2.

The Company proposes to update the Program to: (1) align with new federal lighting standards expected to be effective July 14, 2012; (2) align with upcoming changes to other codes, standards, third party specifications and new market data; and (3) increase the participation in, and the comprehensiveness of, the Program by adding new measures for appliances, dairy/farm equipment, and small compressed air. Application at 2-3. The Company describes proposed changes such as Retrofit Lighting Changes, New Construction/Major Renovation Lighting Changes, removing Motor Incentives, modifying HVAC Incentives, Mechanical and Other Energy Efficiency Measure Changes, Building Envelope Changes, Food

Service Equipment Incentives, Office Equipment Incentives, and other changes. *See* Goddard Direct at 2-14.

The Company projects costs and annual energy savings (at the customer meter without a net-to-gross adjustment) as follows:

	Total Utility Costs	Incentives	Annual kWh Savings
Year 1	\$725,487	\$143,143	2,072,108
Year 2	\$588,129	\$171,953	2,366,922
Year 3	\$654,027	\$171,615	2,158,125
Total	\$1,967,643	\$486,710	6,597,154

The Company says the Program with the proposed changes will be cost-effective. *Id.* at 15.

The Company also proposes to streamline Program administration by offering the Program through a “flexible tariff” that would enable the Company to manage Program details such as qualifying equipment and services, incentive amounts, dates for incentive availability and other terms and conditions using the Company’s website instead of the Schedule 115 tariff sheets. The Company’s Application attaches the details the Company proposes to manage through the “flexible tariff.” These include definitions, incentive tables, and general incentive information. The Company says hardcopies of “Program materials will be available upon request from [*sic*] customers who do not have web access” *Id.* at 3. The Company includes a flow chart describing how future changes to Program details will be managed. Goddard Direct at 17. A copy of the flow chart is attached. The Company says that the process is similar to that used in managing the Company’s Home Energy Savers Incentive Program (Schedule 118), which the Commission approved in 2006. *Id.*

The Company says it will notify customers of changes by posting the changes on the Company’s website. The Company will also notify its staff, Program delivery contractors, and participating vendors so they can share the information with customers. *Id.* at 17-18.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission process the Company’s Application under Modified Procedure with a 21-day comment period.

COMMISSION DECISION

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



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**Attachment C
Rocky Mountain Power Flexible Tariff Format – Change Process - Idaho**

This process applies to specific program details managed outside of the program tariff such as:

- Incentive tables
- Program definitions
- General incentive information

