

## DECISION MEMORANDUM

**TO:** COMMISSIONER KEMPTON  
COMMISSIONER SMITH  
COMMISSIONER REDFORD  
COMMISSION SECRETARY  
LEGAL  
WORKING FILE

**FROM:** TJ GOLO  
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**DATE:** NOVEMBER 20, 2009

**RE:** ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TARIFF ADVICE NO. 09-05; UPDATE  
SCHEDULE 72A

### BACKGROUND

On October 28, 2009, Rocky Mountain Power (“Company”) filed Tariff Advice No. 09-05 containing proposed revisions to the Company’s Tariff Schedule 72A – Dispatchable Irrigation Load Control Credit Rider Program (“Program”). The purpose of the filing is to incorporate minor modifications to the Tariff Schedule 72A agreed to by the Company and the Idaho Irrigation Pumper’s Association (“IIPA”). The current tariff agreement for the load control service credit ended after the 2009 irrigation season. The Company and IIPA representatives met on October 6, 2009, to negotiate a new agreement and the parties successfully negotiated a three-year agreement for 2010 through 2012 irrigation season.

### STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff reviewed the proposed revisions to Rocky Mountain Power’s Schedule 72A – Dispatchable Irrigation Load Control Credit Rider Program. The proposed revisions are as follows:

- Sheet No. 72A.1 – Revise the seasonal period for the dispatch program from June 1 to September 15 to a proposed period of June 1 to August 31
- Sheet No. 72A.2 – Extend the participation schedule for the 2008 and 2009 seasons through the end of the 2012 irrigation season

- Sheet No. 72A.3 – Revise the dispatch hours from 2:00 pm to 8:00 pm to the proposed period of 11:00 am to 7:00 pm. The change in times will help facilitate phasing in and out of dispatch events as well as provide additional time to the pumpers to check their irrigation system before it gets dark.


Staff believes that these revisions represent the mutual interests of both the Company and IIPA while leaving what has been a successful Demand-Side Resource unharmed. There are limited number of hours available for interruption in the season. The Company has indicated that in the past two years, interruptions will have more value in the months of June, July or August than in the month of September. Therefore, Staff agrees that shortening the Program's season to the end of August still allows the Company to call on Irrigators when the Program can provide the greatest benefits (namely in July and August) for Idaho and the Company's system as a whole. Staff notes that the Participation Credit incentive rates will remain at the same level as last season.

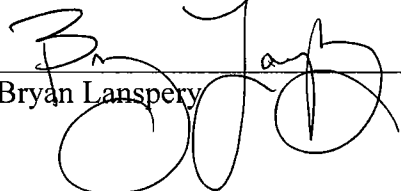
#### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends Commission approval of the proposed modifications to Rocky Mountain Power's Schedule 72A with an effective date of December 31, 2009.

#### **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission accept the proposed modifications to Rocky Mountain Power's Schedule 72A – Dispatchable Load Control Service Credit Rider Program?

  
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