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Office of Consumer Services

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**Minutes of the Meeting of the Utah Committee of Consumer Services**  
Thursday, May 26, 2011, 9:00 a.m.

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

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

**Staff in Attendance:**

Michele Beck            Bela Vastag            Danny Martinez

**Members of the Public in Attendance:**

Steve Bateson, Questar  
Sophie Hayes, Utah Clean Energy  
Kevin Emerson, Utah Clean Energy  
Betsy Wolf, Salt Lake Community Action Program  
Susan White, UBEEES  
Chris Tallackson, State Energy Program

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

1. Welcome & Business

Kelly Casady welcomed Committee members and members of the public.

2. Minutes

Dennis Nordfelt made a motion to approve the draft minutes from the Committee's March 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. Carolyn Hunter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

3. Open and Public Meeting Training

Michele Beck provided the Committee with open and public meeting training prepared by the legislative counsel's office.

4. Case Updates

Michele Beck provided updates on ongoing and new cases. In the electric industry the following issues have been underway:

- Two new requests for deferred accounting related to Rocky Mountain Power have been

filed.

- The Commission granted reconsideration of its EBA order to re-examine whether swaps should be included.
- The MSP settlement discussions are ongoing.
- The Office has been increasingly concerned about the dwindling frequency and meaningfulness of Rocky Mountain Power's DSM Advisory Group.

In natural gas, the following issues are in progress:

- The Cost of Service task force continues to hold meeting.
- The net impact of Questar's passthrough filings (191, CET, DSM) is an average annual bill decrease of \$7.32.

In telecom, the ETC docket continues to be of interest to the Office.

#### 5. Energy Efficiency and Conservation Programs: Overview

Dan Martinez gave a presentation explaining the purpose, definition, benefits and challenges of utility DSM programs. He also described the regulatory oversight and specific utility programs in Utah.

#### 6. Energy Code: Background

Kevin Emerson from Utah Clean Energy gave a presentation on the energy code issue, explaining the background and relevancy to the Committee's work. The presentation is attached to these minutes.

#### 7. Rocky Mountain Power General Rate Case: Issues Briefing

Michele Beck provided an overview of the Office's rate case team, the cost of capital positions filed earlier in the month and a summary of the Office's revenue requirement issues that were to be filed later that day. These issues included proposed adjustments in the following areas: coal costs, net power costs, multi-jurisdictional allocation methodology, expenses and rate base items. The issues also included proposed treatment of Klamath-dam related costs, hedging costs and the revenues being tracked in a REC-revenue deferred account.

Dennis Nordfelt made a motion to go into closed session. Kirsten Peterson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Robert McMullin made a motion to go back into open session. Carolyn Hunter seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. No action was taken in the closed session.

#### 8. Other Business, if any

The Committee confirmed that its next meeting dates are: July 6 and September 28.

#### 9. Adjourn

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