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Attention: Gary Widerburg
Commission Secretary

RE: **Docket No. 17-035-23** – In the Matter of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Approval of Solicitation Process for Wind Resources

Rocky Mountain Power hereby submits for electronic filing its Opposition to Amended Petition to Intervene of Enyo Renewable Energy and Motion for Expedited Treatment in the matter referenced above.

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF UTAH

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Power for Approval of Solicitation Process for Wind)	
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OPPOSITION TO AMENDED PETITION TO INTERVENE OF ENYO RENEWABLE ENERGY AND MOTION FOR EXPEDITED TREATMENT

Rocky Mountain Power (the “Company”) hereby submits this Opposition to Amended Petition for Intervention (“Petition”) of Enyo Renewable Energy (“Enyo”).

I. BACKGROUND

On September 7, 2017, Enyo filed a Petition to Intervene and subsequently filed an Amended Petition to Intervene in this docket. Enyo asserts that it is an independent power producer that is currently developing renewable energy projects in Utah and Wyoming that, in the aggregate, generate 140 MW of clean, renewable energy. Enyo further asserts that its legal rights and interests will be substantially affected by this proceeding and that it will not be adequately represented by any other party. Enyo indicates that it is “interested in ensuring that any solicitation process

approved by the Utah Public Service Commission is transparent, non-discriminatory, and considers a range of projects, including projects sited in Utah.”¹ Finally, Enyo asserts that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of this proceeding will not be materially impaired by allowing Enyo to intervene. For the reasons set forth below, the Company opposes Enyo’s Petition.

A. Enyo Cannot Show Intervention is Proper Under Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-207 or Any Other Statute

Enyo’s assertion that its legal rights and interests will be substantially affected by this proceeding alone does not warrant intervention. Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-207 requires a person that wishes to intervene in a formal adjudicative proceeding with an agency to *demonstrate* that its legal rights or interests “may be substantially affected by the formal adjudicative proceeding, and that the interests of justice and the orderly and prompt conduct of the adjudicative proceedings will not be materially impaired by allowing the intervention.” (Emphasis added).

In this proceeding, the Company seeks approval of a solicitation process to procure wind renewable resources capable of interconnecting to, and delivering energy and capacity across, its Wyoming transmission system. Enyo is clear that its reasons for seeking intervention include, without limitation, to “protect its interests as an independent power producer.”² This proceeding is not and should not be for potential bidders to advocate for their individual bid positions or to ensure the best methods, criteria and scope for the projects they intend to bid into the solicitation process. The protections sought by potential bidders like Enyo - to ensure a fair and transparent process - is being accomplished through the extensive review of the Company’s proposed 2017 renewable request for proposals (2017R RFP) by intervenors or other participants who, unlike

¹ Amended Petition to Intervene of Enyo Renewable Energy, p.2, (September 7, 2017).

² *Id.*

Enyo, do not have a commercial interest in the outcome of the proceeding. For example, as a participant, the independent evaluator's (IE) role and overall objective in this process "is to ensure the solicitation process could reasonably be expected to be undertaken in a fair, consistent and unbiased manner and results in the selection of the best resource option(s) for customers in terms of price and risk. As a component of the first phase of the solicitation process (RFP Design Phase, i.e. review of the draft RFP and related documents) the objective of the IE is to ensure the RFP will lead to a fair, equitable and transparent process."³ Also, intervenors that represent energy users and customers have made recommendations that are consistent with Enyo's objectives. Specifically, they recommend broadening the scope of the 2017R RFP to include all resource types⁴ and other production tax credits-eligible projects that can serve company loads and that are not restricted to connection to the Company's transmission system in Wyoming.⁵

Enyo has not provided any support justifying the propriety of its intervention in this proceeding, other than to protect its interests as a potential bidder by advocating for nothing more than commercially advantageous criteria for its individual projects. To the extent Enyo is concerned about the fairness, transparency, and scope of the solicitation process, the IE and intervenors are active participants. Because Enyo has failed to cite any other statute under which it qualifies for intervention and is clear that it seeks intervention to protect its own interests as an independent power producer and potential bidder, the Commission must reject its petition to intervene.

³ Report of the Utah Independent Evaluator Regarding PacifiCorp's Draft Renewable Request for Proposals (2017R RFP), Docket No. 17-035-23 (August 11, 2017).

⁴ Reply Comments of Utah Association of Energy Users, p.2 (August 18, 2017).

⁵ Reply Comments of Office of Consumer Services, p.2 (August 18, 2017).

B. Allowing Intervention Will Impair the Promptness of this Proceeding

As an independent power producer with projects in Utah and Wyoming, Enyo is likely eligible to bid into the 2017R RFP. Enyo's participation in this proceeding can only be viewed as an attempt to gain commercial advantage for its projects. This does not meet the statutory requirement for intervention and, in fact, could give Enyo an unfair competitive advantage over other bidders. More importantly, granting intervention here could set bad precedent. Other bidders would also seek to intervene and turn this proceeding to one in which individual bidders would be in a position to greatly influence evaluation methods, scope screening criteria, and other requirements that may not be in the public interest.

By granting intervention in this proceeding based on its status as a potential bidder, Enyo would also be able to serve discovery, file motions, make objections, and interfere with an efficient and orderly process. Rocky Mountain Power would potentially be forced to respond to Enyo's request for commercially sensitive confidential information by filing a motion for protective order to prevent Enyo from gaining such access. Enyo would use its status as a party to attempt to advance its own interests and gain commercial advantage. The foregoing is particularly troubling in this process that, although by statute should be finalized within 60 days from the filing date of the application to a Commission decision, has already been significantly extended. Thus, allowing intervention to Enyo based on its status as an independent power producer will impair the promptness of this proceeding.

II. CONCLUSION

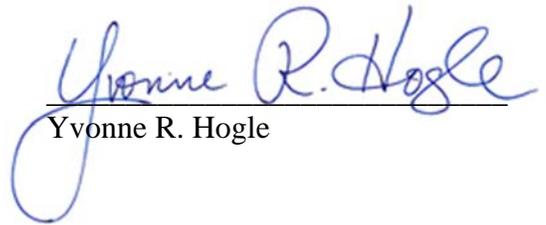
Enyo has failed to demonstrate that it should be allowed to intervene under Utah Code Ann. § 63G-4-207, or that its intervention is proper under any other statute. In order to promote prompt and orderly proceedings and based on the foregoing, the Company respectfully requests that the

Commission deny Enyo's Petition. Due to the upcoming deadlines, the Company further requests that the Commission issue its decision on Enyo's Petition on an expedited basis.

DATED this 12th day of September, 2017.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER



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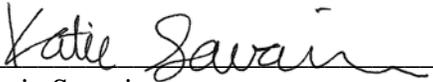
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