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January 8, 2016

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RE: Data Request in Docket D2013.9.71

Dear Ms. Beatty,

Enclosed please find data requests of the Montana Public Service Commission, numbered PSC-001 through PSC-007, to ABACO Energy Services, LLC in D2013.9.71. If you have any questions, please contact me at (406) 444-6178.

Sincerely,

Jeremiah Langston
Staff Attorney
Montana Public Service Commission

Enclosure

cc: Service List

Service Date: January 8, 2016

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE REGULATION
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF the Complaint of)	REGULATORY DIVISION
SHOSHONE CONDOMINIUM HOTEL)	
OWNERS ASSOCIATION, a Montana Facility)	DOCKET NO. D2013.9.71
)	
Complainant,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
ABACO ENERGY SERVICES, LLC)	
a North Dakota Limited Company,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

**DATA REQUESTS PSC-001 THROUGH PSC-007 OF THE
MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO
ABACO ENERGY SERVICES, LLC.**

PSC-001

Regarding: Extent of ABACO’s propane system at Big Sky, MT
Witness: Tschider.

- a. ABACO states it provides “service to individual end users in Cedar Creek, Powder Ridge, and Stillwater.” 2nd Aff. Tschider ¶ 12 (Mar. 11, 2015). Please state the number of meters within each of these developments.
- b. Please state the number of individual meters within Boyne, USA properties served by ABACO.
- c. Please provide any existing records showing the geographic extent of ABACO’s propane system at Big Sky, MT preferably identifying the location of mains, storage tanks, vaporizers, and meters within the system.

PSC-002

Regarding: Number of meters and customers served by ABACO.
Witness: Tschider.

- a. Please provide records of all the individual meters within ABACO's propane system. If ABACO's records contain personal customer information, please replace this information with unique meter IDs.
- b. If a single customer is serviced by several meters, please identify all of the individual meters associated with that single customer. If ABACO's records contain personal customer information, please replace this information with unique customer IDs.

PSC-003

Regarding: Service to the public.
Witness: Tschider.

ABACO states it "does not hold itself as open to the public in general; it serves only particular customers." 2nd Aff. Tschider ¶ 15.

- a. Please provide any documentation that ABACO is formally organized for the purpose of supplying propane to its stockholders or members.
- b. Please provide any documentation that service is rendered only to stockholders or members who share the costs of operation.
- c. Please provide any documentation that service to stockholders or members is contractual.
- d. Please describe any steps ABACO has taken to limit the number of end-users or new customers of the system.

PSC-004

Regarding: Growth of the system.
Witness: Tschider.

- a. How many meters have been added to the system since ABACO purchased the system in 2007.
- b. How many of these new meters added to the system since 2007 provide service to new customers not already served by the system.
- c. Please provide any documentation of ABACO denying requested service to new customers since it started operating the system in 2007.

PSC-005

Regarding: ABACO's Agreement to Provide Propane Service ("Agreement") with Boyne, U.S.A.

Witness: Tschider.

Please provide this Agreement and any associated documents.

PSC-006

Regarding: Percentage of propane sold to various customers.

Witness: Tschider.

- a. ABACO states it "sells 80% of its propane to Boyne, USA." 2nd Aff. Tschider ¶ 9. Please account for the sales of the remaining 20% of propane sold through the system.
- b. Please provide your rate schedule or contract with any customers other than Boyne, USA on the system.

PSC-007

Regarding: Per customer costs

Witness: Tschider.

- a. Please provided any existing analysis conducted by ABACO on the issue of diminishing per customer costs of the system achieved through the addition of more customers, *i.e.* the reduced unit costs of adding customers to the system.