

June 1, 2017

Doug Dean, Director
Colorado Public Utility Commission
1560 Broadway
2nd Floor, Suite 250
Denver CO 80202

Subject: 2016 Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)/ Docket No. 17M-0014E

Dear Mr. Dean:

In compliance with the passage of the Colorado Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS), this letter serves as San Miguel Power Association's report of meeting its 2016 RPS requirement as outlined in Rule 3662.

Based on our 2016 retail sales, San Miguel Power Association's compliance obligation of 6% of our energy requirements was 11,593 MWhs. Our system did have its own renewable resources on-line in 2016 in the amount of 11,369 MWhs. Therefore, our power supplier, Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc., retired 224 RECs (Renewable Energy Credits) on our behalf from their Colorado eligible RPS resources, which includes the multipliers for selected fuels and technologies.

Also attached is a letter from Tri-State attesting to the permanent retirement of 224 RECs on the behalf of San Miguel Power Association.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Zavorski", written in a cursive style.

Brad Zavorski

General Manager/CEO

San Miguel Power Association



TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Colorado Member Managers
High West Energy, Inc. Manager

FROM: Micheal McInnes *MSM*
Chief Executive Officer

DATE: April 26, 2017

SUBJECT: 2016 Colorado Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Docket No. 17M-0014E

Enclosed you will find information that is necessary documentation for your cooperative's compliance obligation with the Colorado Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) for 2016.

The following information needs to be submitted with your compliance report to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC), which is due June 1, 2017.

- A letter from me that lays out your cooperative's 6% compliance obligation and the number of RECs (Renewable Energy Credits) that have been retired by Tri-State on your cooperative's behalf.
- A spreadsheet that lists the RECs that have been retired on the behalf of all Tri-State Colorado Member Systems and High West Energy, and the renewable sources that produced the RECs.
- A sample letter for sending your compliance packet/documentation to the PUC.
 - **Please note the PUC sample letters subject line referencing Docket No. 17M-0014E. This docket number is needed for your filing with the Colorado PUC.**

If you have any questions, regarding what is included in this mailing, please contact me here at Tri-State.





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April 26, 2017

Brad Zaporski
San Miguel Power Association, Inc.
PO Box 817
Nucla, CO 81424

Subject: 2016 Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) / Docket No. 17M-0014E

Dear Brad,

This letter is sent to you for your use in compliance with your Colorado Renewable Portfolio Standard. Tri-State, as your power supplier, is attesting with this letter and the enclosed document that we have permanently retired enough renewable energy credits (RECs) to meet your 2016 Colorado Renewable Portfolio Standard obligation.

With the passage of a statewide Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) in Colorado, Tri-State and its Member Systems were jointly affected by these standards. While Tri-State has the responsibility of meeting the long-term power supply requirements of its Member Systems, the RPS requirements apply specifically to the Member Systems. Tri-State has acquired the necessary renewable energy credits to meet the Member Systems' requirements, which the Member Systems do not fulfill on their own. Colorado RPS rules require qualifying utilities to report on compliance by June 1st for the prior compliance year (Rule 3662(a)).

In accordance with our records and San Miguel's 2016 retail sales, your compliance obligation of 6 percent of your energy requirements for 2016 was 11,593 MWhs. Our records also indicate that your system had its own renewable resources on-line in 2014 and 2016 that produced 11,369 RECs. Therefore, Tri-State, to meet our obligation for you under the Contract, has retired 224 RECs on your behalf from Colorado eligible RPS resources, which includes the multipliers for selected fuels and technologies.

It is your responsibility and requirement to file this letter and attachment with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission to demonstrate San Miguel Power's compliance with the 2016 RPS requirement.

Sincerely,

Micheal S. McInnes
Chief Executive Officer

Enclosures

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.
Colorado 2016 Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Compliance Report
COMPLIANCE (MANDATORY) REQUIREMENTS

<u>Line No.</u>	<u>Colorado Members</u>	<u>2016 Form 7 Colorado Total Retail Electric Sales</u> <i>(MWh)</i>	<u>2016 Colorado RPS Requirement at 6 Percent</u> <i>(MWh)</i>	<u>Member Self- Generated Renewable Supplies Before Multiplier¹</u> <i>(MWh)</i>	<u>Less: Member Self- Generated Renewable Supplies With Multiplier¹</u> <i>(RECs)</i>	<u>Net 2016 (Rounded) Colorado RPS Requirement</u> <i>(MWh)</i>
	<i>(a)</i>	<i>(b)</i>	<i>(c)</i>	<i>(d)</i>	<i>(e)</i>	<i>(f)</i>
1	Delta Montrose Electric Association	553,914	33,235	16,618	33,235	-
2	Empire Electric Association, Inc.	748,768	44,926	1,142	1,794	43,132
3	Gunnison County Electric Association, Inc.	119,681	7,181	4	8	7,172
4	High West Energy	96,249	5,775	-	-	5,775
5	Highline Electric Association	326,115	19,567	11,467	14,334	5,233
6	K.C. Electric Association	195,537	11,732	-	-	11,732
7	La Plata Electric Association, Inc.	945,914	56,755	40,835	56,755	-
8	Morgan County Rural Electric Association	311,153	18,669	-	-	18,669
9	Mountain Parks Electric, Inc.	278,780	16,727	3,513	3,513	13,214
10	Mountain View Electric Association, Inc.	818,479	49,109	-	-	49,109
11	Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association, Inc.	1,217,849	73,071	30,338	36,279	36,791
12	San Isabel Electric Association, Inc.	439,342	26,361	13,180	26,361	-
13	San Luis Valley Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc.	205,888	12,353	1,571	3,141	9,212
14	San Miguel Power Association, Inc.	193,219	11,593	6,942	11,369	224
15	Sangre De Cristo Electric Association, Inc.	112,375	6,743	1,811	4,453	2,290
16	Southeast Colorado Power Association	187,810	11,269	-	-	11,269
17	United Power, Inc.	2,150,654	129,039	57,987	79,090	49,950
18	White River Electric Association, Inc.	737,542	44,253	-	-	44,253
19	Y-W Electric Association, Inc.	332,183	19,931	-	-	19,931
20	Total Colorado	9,971,451	598,287	185,409	270,332	327,956

	<u>Resources Used for 2016 Retirements</u> <u>Tri-State Renewable Retirements (CO RES)</u> <i>(MWh)</i>	<u>Resource Multiplier</u>	<u>Resources Used for 2016 Retirements</u> <u>w/ Multiplier (RECs)</u>	<u>Percent of Total</u>	<u>Resource Vintage</u>	
21	2011 Excess P117 RECs	2,420	various	7,252	2.21%	2011
22	2014 Excess P117 RECs	49,475	various	79,135	24.13%	2014
23	2015 Excess P117 RECs	27,735	various	49,958	15.23%	2015
24	2016 Excess P117 RECs	22,733	various	40,279	12.28%	2016
25	Kit Carson Windpower, LLC	97,019	1.25	121,274	36.98%	2011
26	Cimarron Solar	8,704	3.00	26,112	7.96%	2011
27	WAPA - CO (Small Hydro)	3,947	1.00	3,947	1.20%	2011
28	Total	212,033.0		327,956	100.00%	

Important Notes:

- 1) Resources include supplies from 2014 for some members, if available
- 2) This data represents the renewable portfolio obligations by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association's Members serving Colorado and the resources utilized to meet those obligations. Tri-State has permanently retired these renewable credits to meet the obligations. Tri-State may have other available resources that are not required for this year's reporting.
- 3) Remaining 2016 Requirement is rounded to nearest whole number