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To: L. Massaro

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From: D. R. Stearns 

Rate Analyst, Division of Public Utilities & Carriers

Date: 04/18/2012**Re:** Pascoag Utility 2012 DSM Budget, RIPUC Docket No. 4297

On November 4, 2011 the Pascoag Utility District ("Pascoag", "PUD", or "Company") filed with the Commission the Company's proposed DSM budget for 2012. Subsequently, On December 12, 2011 several revised schedules to that filing were submitted to the Commission. A public hearing took place on December 20, 2011. Immediately following the evidentiary hearing the Commission unanimously approved Pascoag's 2012 DSM Plan and associated budget. A written decision (Order 20638) was issued on January 3, 2012. The budget totaled \$134,659. Included in that amount is an expected carry-over of \$28,659 from Pascoag's 2011 DSM budget.

On April 5, 2012 Pascoag filed with the Commission a true-up of the 2011 budget. The actual amount carried over from the 2011 budget was \$40,893, an increase of \$12,234 compared with the estimated carry-over included in the 2011 budget filing. According to the Commission's order, funds carried over from the 2011 budget would be used first to satisfy rebate requests received in 2011 related to programs from which funding had been depleted during 2011 before dedicating any such funds to increase funding for 2012 programs. The Company had anticipated 2011 unsatisfied rebate funds of \$5,750, and had placed that amount in a 2012 budget line item entitled "Committed funds for 2011 Programs." The \$22,909 remainder of the \$28,659 forecast 2011 carry-over was included in other 2012 budget items.

The Company requests authorization to allocate the additional \$12,234 carried over from the 2011 to the line item "Funds for Follow-up to Successful Programs" in the 2012 budget, to be available for use in programs that during the year may require further funding.

After reviewing the filing and Pascoag's responses to Division data requests, The Division recommends that the Commission approve the Company's proposed allocation of \$12,234 to "Funds for Follow-up to Successful Programs".

Cc: Thomas Ahern,
Administrator, Division of Public Utilities and Carriers