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Rocky Mountain Power asks customers to conserve electricity

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SALT LAKE CITY – Due to widespread below-freezing weather across much of the Western United States, electricity demand is very high in the entire region. Rocky Mountain Power is encouraging its customers to begin reducing their electricity consumption as much as possible and to continue conserving for the next few days. Western electric utilities are coordinating efforts in response to high customer usage, strained electricity supplies and transmission constraints.

By reducing electricity use now, customers can help ease the pressure on the regional electric grid. If further actions are necessary, Rocky Mountain Power will provide as much notification to customers as possible.

Customers can help by taking the following measures:

- Turn off lights, computers, televisions and appliances when you're not using them.
- Adjust the use of large appliances such as clothes washers and dryers, dishwashers and ranges to off-peak hours (from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m.), whenever possible. Utilize small kitchen appliances and microwaves for food preparation instead of ovens and range tops.
- If you have electric heat, set the thermostat at 68 degrees or lower, health permitting.
- Lower thermostat to 60 degrees overnight, health permitting, or when you are away from your home for several hours.
- Even if you do not have electric heat, lowering the thermostat reduces power used by your furnace's fan.
- Avoid using holiday lights.
- Unplug any second refrigerators after moving items to your primary refrigerator.

For more information about energy efficiency and outage preparedness, visit www.rockymountainpower.net or call toll free 1-888-221-7070.