

overhead electrical or communication circuits or conductors and their supporting structures or electrical generating, transmission or distribution systems or communication systems;

- (ii) Any person lawfully occupying the land on which the high voltage overhead line is located and engaging in the regular and ordinary functions and activities of farming, ranching or other agricultural functions and activities.

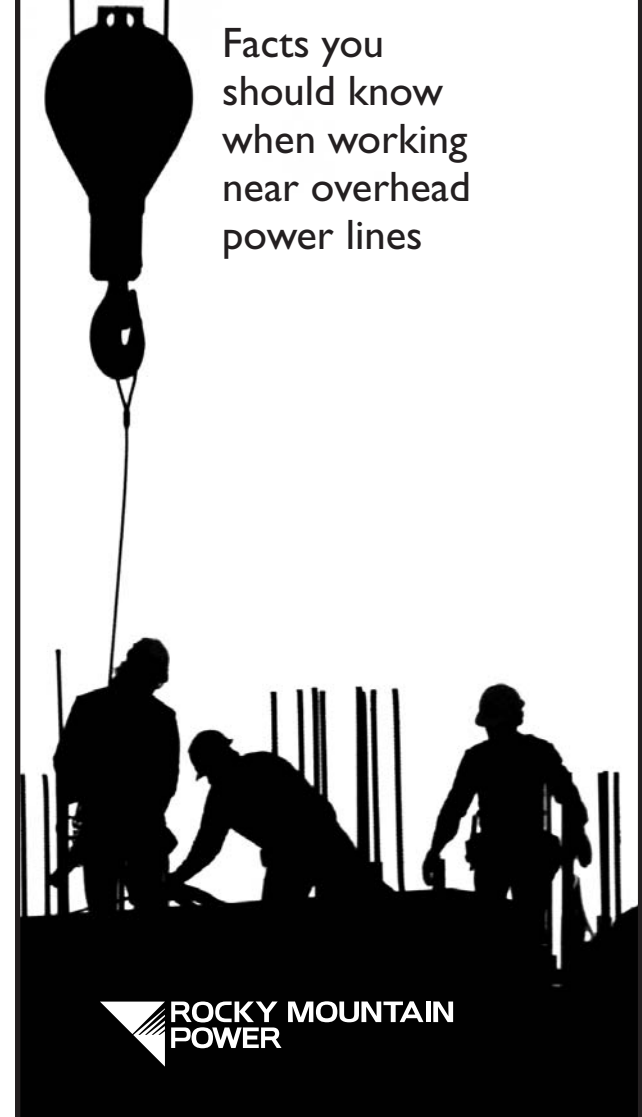
To order free Rocky Mountain Power safety materials or schedule a free safety presentation, call us at 1-800-375-7085. For all other information and for safety assistance around power lines, call toll free at 1-888-221-7070.

More safety information is available at [rockymountainpower.net/safety](http://rockymountainpower.net/safety).



## Wyoming's Overhead Line Safety Act

Facts you  
should know  
when working  
near overhead  
power lines



To protect those working near overhead power lines from accidental contact, the Wyoming Legislature enacted the High Voltage Line Safety Act.

**The law stipulates that no construction activity involving cranes and derricks is to take place within 20 feet\* of an overhead power line.**

\* Please refer to the Occupation Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) regulation which clearly identifies the distance you must maintain while performing any work near overhead power lines.

### **We'll work with you**

As soon as you inform Rocky Mountain Power of your intended activity, we will work with you on appropriate precautions and safety arrangements. Our response may include any or all of the following:

1. coordinate work activity schedules
2. place temporary mechanical barriers to prevent contact with the lines
3. temporarily de-energize and ground the lines
4. temporarily raise or move the lines

### **Provision for payment**

The law stipulates that the responsible party is to pay the utility for the cost of providing the safety arrangements.

### **Failure to comply**

If a violation of this law results in physical or electrical contact with an overhead line, the party committing the violation will be liable to the utility for all damages to the

facilities and all costs and expenses, including damages to any third persons, incurred by the utility as a result of the contact.

For your reference, the law is printed in full in this brochure.

### **Contact us immediately**

If you or your contractor are going to be working near overhead power lines, please immediately contact the Rocky Mountain Power office nearest your work site, or call toll free at 1-888-221-7070. If you don't know who operates the power line, call us and we will gladly advise you.

Rocky Mountain Power wants you to be safe. We look forward to helping make your work activities around overhead lines as safe as possible.

## **TITLE 37, CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 3**

### **§ 37-3-301 Short title**

This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Wyoming High Voltage Power Lines and Safety Restrictions Act."

### **§ 37-3-302 Definitions**

(a) As used in this act:

- (i) "Authorized person" means:
  - (A) An employee of a public utility which produces, transmits or delivers electricity;
  - (B) An employee of a public utility which provides and whose work relates to communication services or state, county or municipal agencies which have authorized circuit construction on or near the poles or structures of a public utility;
  - (C) An employee of an industrial plant whose work relates to the electrical system of the industrial plant;

- (D) An employee of a cable television or communication services company or an employee of a contractor of a cable television or communication services company if specifically authorized by the owner of the poles to make cable television or communication services attachments; or
  - (E) An employee or agent of state, county or municipal agencies which have or whose work relates to overhead electrical lines or circuit construction or conductors on poles or structures of any type.
- (ii) "High voltage" means voltage in excess of six hundred (600) volts measured between conductors or between a conductor and the ground;
  - (iii) "Overhead line" means all bare or insulated electrical conductors installed above ground;
  - (iv) "Person" or "business entity" means those parties who contract to perform any function or activity upon any land, building, highway or other premises, excluding those parties providing emergency services including emergency rescue operations and fire protection services;
  - (v) "Public utility" means a public utility as defined in W.S. 37-1-101(a)(vi) which owns or operates a high voltage overhead line;
  - (vi) "This act" means W.S. 37-3-301 through 37-3-306.

### **§ 37-3-305 Indemnification**

If a violation of this act results in physical or electrical contact with any high voltage overhead line, the person or business entity violating this act is liable to the public utility for all damages to the facilities and all costs and expenses, including damages to third parties, incurred by the public utility as a result of the contact.

### **§ 37-3-306 Exemptions**

- (a) This act shall not apply to:
  - (i) Construction, reconstruction, operation or maintenance by an authorized person of