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Wyoming Public Service Commission  
2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300  
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Attn: Chris Petrie, Chief Counsel

Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_-EM-20  
Record No. \_\_\_\_\_

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO INCREASE CURRENT RATES BY \$7.4 MILLION TO RECOVER DEFERRED NET POWER COSTS PURSUANT TO TARIFF SCHEDULE 95 ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM AND TO DECREASE CURRENT RATES BY \$604 THOUSAND PURSUANT TO TARIFF SCHEDULE 93, REC AND SO2 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM**

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Dear Mr. Petrie:

Please find enclosed for filing Rocky Mountain Power's (the "Company") application for authority to implement rate changes pursuant to the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism ("ECAM") and the Renewable Energy Credit and Sulfur Dioxide revenue credit mechanism ("RRA") which, combined, result in a net increase of approximately \$6.8 million (or 1.0 percent) to customers.

The application, supporting exhibits, and work papers are being provided in electronic format only on the Docket Management System or on CD as allowed by the Wyoming Public Service Commission's ("Commission") Order issued on March 19, 2020, which temporarily suspended the requirement to file paper copies due to the on-going public health emergency.

Provided on two CDs are the non-confidential and confidential testimony, exhibits, work papers, filing requirements, and a draft notice of application.

Due to various stay-at-home orders issued, the Company will provide witness affidavits for the written testimony along with a check in the amount of \$5.00 for the Commission's filing fee separately at a later date.

It is respectfully requested that all formal correspondence and staff requests regarding this matter be addressed to:

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If there are any informal questions related to this application, please feel free to contact Stacy Splittstoesser at (307) 632-2677.

Sincerely,



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Vice President, Regulation

Enclosures

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on April 15, 2020, I caused to be served via email a true and correct copy of the foregoing document to the following:

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**BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF  
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Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_-EM-20  
(Record No. \_\_\_\_\_)

**APPLICATION**

Rocky Mountain Power, a division of PacifiCorp (“Company” or “Rocky Mountain Power”), hereby submits this application (“Application”) to the Wyoming Public Service Commission (“Commission”) under two different rate schedules: (1) its energy cost adjustment mechanism (“ECAM”) Tariff Schedule 95, requesting approval to collect approximately \$13.9 million in deferred net power costs (“NPC”); and (2) its REC and SO<sub>2</sub> revenue adjustment mechanism (“RRA”) Tariff Schedule 93, requesting approval to refund approximately \$973 thousand to customers to reflect the sale of renewable energy credits (“RECs”) and sulfur dioxide (“SO<sub>2</sub>”) emission allowances. The total ECAM deferral from calendar year 2019 (“Deferral Period”) was a charge of approximately \$13.9 million consisting of the following components: 1) deferred ECAM costs after the 30 percent sharing (ECAM costs include NPC, the

embedded cost differential (“ECD”), chemical costs, and start-up fuel costs); 2) accrued interest of approximately \$686 thousand; 3) a credit of approximately \$17 thousand remaining from the 2018 ECAM; 4) a decrease of approximately \$16 thousand remaining from the 2019 ECAM; and 5) a credit of approximately \$100 thousand related to the settlement of the 2017 ECAM.

The Company proposes to collect the deferral balance of \$13.9 million over a 12-month period, from June 15, 2020 through June 14, 2021. The annual rate effective date for Schedule 95 is June 15.

The Company is proposing to revise Tariff Schedule 95 by increasing the current charge to customers of approximately \$6.5 million (adjusted for load) and adding the approximately \$7.4 million, for a total increase of approximately \$13.9 million or 1.13 percent.

Under Tariff Schedule 93, the Company is proposing to refund to customers approximately \$973 thousand to account for calendar year 2019 balancing account adjustments and 2020 forecast sales revenues for REC and SO<sub>2</sub> products in the market. From the currently approved approximately \$369 thousand sur-credit, this results in a rate decrease of approximately \$604 thousand from current rates, as more fully described below.

The proposed ECAM and RRA rate adjustments and percentage impacts vary by rate schedule under the terms in Tariff Schedules 95 and 93 as illustrated later in this Application. Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests that this overall increase in Wyoming rates become effective on an interim basis June 15, 2020, subject to further review and hearing. In support of its Application, Rocky Mountain Power states as follows:

1. Rocky Mountain Power is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, which provides electric service to retail customers through its Rocky Mountain Power division in the

states of Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho, and through its Pacific Power division in the states of Oregon, California, and Washington.

2. Rocky Mountain Power is a public utility in the state of Wyoming and is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction with respect to its prices and terms of electric service to retail customers in Wyoming. Rocky Mountain Power's principal place of business in Wyoming is 2840 East Yellowstone Highway, Casper, Wyoming, 82602.

3. Communications regarding this filing should be addressed to:

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### **ECAM Deferred Net Power Costs**

4. Tariff Schedule 95 permits the Company to monitor total NPC on an unbundled basis apart from other investments and expenses included in base rates and to account for historical actual NPC incurred by the Company on behalf of its customers that may be over or under the amount recovered in base rates through the ECAM. Tariff Schedule 95 requires the Company to file a deferred NPC adjustment application annually on or before April 15. Under Tariff Schedule 95, interim rates becomes effective annually on June 15, absent extraordinary circumstances. This Application is not being filed under extraordinary circumstances.

5. Tariff Schedule 95 provides that all of Rocky Mountain Power's retail tariff rate schedules in Wyoming are subject to two additional rate elements: (1) a base NPC rate element and (2) a deferred NPC rate element. The two rate elements of Tariff Schedule 95 together have historically allowed the Company to recover 70 percent of its NPC, which include fuel, purchased power (including NPC financial hedges), wheeling expenses, sales-for-resale for natural gas and electricity, the ECD and, chemical costs and start-up fuel costs.<sup>1</sup> Due to the sharing band, the Company either does not recover or refund 30 percent of the variance between actual ECAM costs and base ECAM costs.

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<sup>1</sup> The Commission approved the Company's request to include these costs in the ECAM in the 2015 general rate case in Docket No. 20000-469-ER-15 ("2015 GRC").

6. The deferred ECAM is determined by comparing the total adjusted actual ECAM costs recovered in rates, and then applying a 70/30 percent sharing band. The historical comparison period in this Application is the 12-month period beginning January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019. For this period, the base ECAM originated from the 2015 GRC. The calculation of the deferred ECAM rate in this Application includes the use of billing determinants through June 2020.

7. The deferred NPC adjustment in this Application is the result of a number of factors including, but not limited to, a reduction in wholesale sales and an increase in purchased power expense, partially offset by a reduction in coal fuel expense, a reduction in natural gas fuel expense and a reduction in wheeling and other expenses.

8. Under Tariff Schedule 95, the deferred NPC adjustment is calculated monthly and recorded as a deferred expense on the Company's books.

9. In support of this Application, the Company has provided the testimony and exhibits of two witnesses: David G. Webb, Manager, Net Power Costs, who explains the deferred ECAM and Robert M. Meredith, Director, Pricing and Cost of Service who explains the rate spread and rate design aspects of this Application.

10. **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(DGW-1)** shows the detailed calculation of the deferred ECAM. Actual Wyoming Base NPC recovered in rates during the Deferral Period is on line 1 and the actual Wyoming collection of Base ECD is on line 2. Actual collection of base chemical costs and base startup costs are reflected on lines 3 and 4, respectively. The total collection of base ECAM costs through rates was approximately \$250 million shown on line 5. The adjusted actual Wyoming allocated NPC and ECD, and chemical and startup costs incurred by the Company is approximately \$270 million shown on line 10. The difference between costs that were recovered in rates and costs

actually incurred by the Company is the deferred ECAM prior to calculation of the cost-sharing band, which is approximately \$19.1 million shown on line 11. The deferred ECAM after applying the 70 percent ECAM sharing band is approximately \$13.4 million as reflected on line 12. Interest during the deferral period is shown on line 17, and interest from the end of the Deferral Period (December 31, 2019) to the end of the rate effective period is on line 20. The interest accrued during the rate effective period June 15, 2020 through June 14, 2021, is shown on line 21. The residual balances from the 2018 ECAM and the 2019 ECAM are shown on lines 23 and 24, respectively. The net result of these adjustments is a total Wyoming requested ECAM recovery of approximately \$13.9 million, shown on line 25.

11. The ECD adjustment in this Application is developed in **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(DGW-2)**.

12. Total and Wyoming allocated actual net power costs, chemical costs, and start-up fuel costs were developed in **Confidential Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(DGW-3)**. Under Tariff Schedule 95, the monthly total Company actual NPC was adjusted to include Commission ordered regulatory adjustments, to remove out of period accounting entries. The adjusted total Company Actual NPC, chemical costs, and start-up fuel costs are then allocated to Wyoming based on the 2017 Protocol allocation methodology.

13. **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(DGW-4)** provides the details supporting the residual balance from the 2018 ECAM and 2019 ECAM dockets.

14. The Company has also provided several additional items sponsored by Mr. Webb which are intended to improve the transparency of NPC issues and reduce discovery requests as part of Attachment A including the following:

- Details the monthly market prices at major markets.

- Hourly generation logs of the Company’s thermal and wind-owned resources.
- Outage logs for thermal and hydro resources.

In its Order in Docket No. 20000-368-EA-10, the Commission included a list of 16 minimum filing requirements (“MFR”) that are required with a deferred NPC ECAM application. The Company has also provided, in MFR 13, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation and its Generating Availability Data System (“NERC GADS”) information as ordered by the Commission in the 2015 ECAM case (Docket No. 20000-472-EA-15).

15. The Company has provided the requested MFR information in the form of discovery responses, packaged together in **Attachment 1** to the Application. Some of the responses to the minimum filing requirements are voluminous (thousands of pages) and therefore, **Attachment 1** is provided in electronic format.

16. Table A below summarizes the proposed price changes by tariff rate schedule applicable to the 2019 ECAM deferred NPC adjustment. Within each rate schedule, the percentage change to individual customers may be higher or lower than the average due to rate design, customer load factors, and usage characteristics. **Exhibit RMP \_\_\_ (RMM-2)** shows the deferred NPC price change across rate schedules. It also includes billing determinants for rate design purposes through June 2021, and both present proposed rates for each rate schedule. The resulting ECAM rate change in this Application represents an overall proposed rate increase of approximately \$7.4 million, or approximately 1.13 percent, from the currently effective collection of approximately \$6.5 million (adjusted for load).

**Table A - ECAM Schedule 95**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Proposed Percentage Change</b>
<b>Residential</b>	
Schedule 2	0.85%
<b>General Service</b>	
Schedule 25	0.80%
Schedule 28	1.13%
<b>Large General Service</b>	
Schedule 33	1.16%
Schedule 46	1.35%
Schedule 48T	1.22%
<b>Irrigation</b>	
Schedule 40	1.02%
Schedule 210	0.72%
<b>Lighting Schedules</b>	0.45%
<b>Overall</b>	1.13%

**REC and SO<sub>2</sub> Revenue Adjustment Mechanism**

17. Tariff Schedule 93, “REC and SO<sub>2</sub> Revenue Adjustment Mechanism” (“RRA”), allows the Company to include in monthly customer billings a surcharge or sur-credit based on a per-kilowatt and per-kilowatt-hour rate to reflect the revenues from the sale of RECs and SO<sub>2</sub> emission allowances.

18. The RRA contains two main components. First, it imputes a forecast REC and SO<sub>2</sub> projection (“Forecast Period”). Second, it calculates any applicable deferral amount which accrued during the previous 12 months (“Comparison Period”) to true-up the actual REC and SO<sub>2</sub> revenue.

19. In support of this Application, the Company has provided the testimony and exhibits of Kelcey A. Brown, Vice President of Energy Supply Management, Terrell H Spackman, Manager of Revenue Requirement, and Robert M. Meredith, Director, Pricing and Cost of Service.

Ms. Brown's testimony addresses the historical and forecast sale of RECs and SO<sub>2</sub> allowances. Mr. Spackman's testimony addresses the allocation of total-Company sales to Wyoming and the calculation of the deferral component to true up calendar year 2020 REC and SO<sub>2</sub> sales. Mr. Meredith's testimony addresses the rate spread and rate design implementation of Tariff Schedule 93.

20. **Confidential Exhibits RMP\_\_\_(KAB-1)** through **RMP\_\_\_(KAB-9)** illustrate the total Company REC and SO<sub>2</sub> revenue forecast as well as the confidential actual total-Company REC sales by entity, price, resource and vintage.

21. The currently effective RRA in rates was developed for the then-forecast period beginning January 1, 2019, and ending December 31, 2019. **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(THS-1)** is a summary of the RRA which shows that the Wyoming allocated REC and SO<sub>2</sub> sales deferred revenue balance from calendar year 2019, is approximately \$160 thousand owing to customers. This includes a load adjustment and time value of money adjustment under the terms of Schedule 93. The REC and SO<sub>2</sub> revenue forecast for calendar year 2020 is approximately \$813 thousand owing to customers. Combining the deferred and forecast RRA figures results in the total 2020 RRA sur-credit of approximately \$973 thousand owing to customers. The existing RRA sur-credit in rates is approximately \$369 thousand. The difference between the current sur-credit in rates of approximately \$369 and the proposed sur-credit of approximately \$973 thousand results in a rate decrease of approximately \$604 thousand over a 12-month period from June 15, 2020 through June 14, 2021.

22. **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(THS-2)** shows the detailed calculation of forecast REC and SO<sub>2</sub> revenues for the 12-months ending December 31, 2020, including applicable renewable portfolio standards and the allocation of RECs to Wyoming. The Wyoming allocated REC and SO<sub>2</sub> sales

revenue forecast for the 2020 forecast period including interest during the recovery period is approximately \$813 thousand.

23. **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(THS-3)** shows the detailed calculation of the REC and SO<sub>2</sub> deferred balance, which includes an adjustment for the time value of money as specified in the tariff. The actual REC and SO<sub>2</sub> sales revenue received by the Company during calendar year 2019 and through June 14, 2020, in comparison to the REC and SO<sub>2</sub> credit that was included in rates, is approximately \$160 thousand owed to customers including the time value of money adjustments.

24. **Table B** below summarizes the proposed price changes by tariff rate schedule applicable to the 2020 RRA adjustment. Within each rate schedule, the percentage change to individual customers may be higher or lower than the average due to rate design, customer load factors, and usage characteristics. **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(RMM-3)** shows the RRA price change across rate schedules. It also includes billing determinants for rate design purposes through June 2021, both present and proposed rates for each rate schedule. The resulting RRA rate change in this Application represents an overall proposed rate decrease of approximately \$604 thousand, or approximately 0.09 percent.

**Table B - RRA Schedule 93**

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Proposed Percentage Change</b>
<b>Residential</b>	
Schedule 2	(0.11)%
<b>General Service</b>	
Schedule 25	(0.06)%
Schedule 28	(0.12)%
<b>Large General Service</b>	
Schedule 33	(0.12)%
Schedule 46	(0.10)%
Schedule 48T	(0.06)%
<b>Irrigation</b>	
Schedule 40	(0.02)%
Schedule 210	(0.04)%
<b>Lighting Schedules</b>	0.22%
<b>Overall</b>	(0.09)%

25. Mr. Meredith has provided testimony and exhibits in this Application which explain how the deferred NPC ECAM rate increase and the RRA rate increase are spread to the Company's service schedules. **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(RMM-1)** is a summary rate spread exhibit which shows the combined rate spread related to both the ECAM and RRA rate increases and includes monthly billing comparisons for the combined impact by rate schedule. **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(RMM-2)** shows the rate spread, billing determinants and rates related to the ECAM, and **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(RMM-3)** shows the rate spread, billing determinants and rates related to the RRA.

26. Table C below summarizes the proposed price changes by tariff rate schedule applicable to the combined 2020 RRA adjustment and 2020 ECAM. Within each rate schedule, the percentage change to individual customers may be higher or lower than the average due to rate design, customer load factors, and usage characteristics. The combined effect of the 2020 RRA and ECAM in this Application represents an overall proposed rate increase of approximately \$6.8 million or approximately 1.04 percent. This increase is offset in part by the incremental rate credit agreed to in Docket No. 20000-560-EA-19, effective July 1, 2020 on Schedule 197. Schedule 197 passes back to customers deferred tax savings. As approved by the Commission Docket No. 20000-560-EA-19, on July 1, 2020, an additional \$6 million will be credited to customers through Schedule 197, mitigating the bill impact of the increase in this Application. Additionally, on June 15, 2020 the credit in Schedule 92, Bonus Tax Depreciation, will be reduced as approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20000-506-EA-16, resulting in a slight increase in rates.

**Table C - Combined Schedules 93 and 95**

<b>Residential</b>	
Schedule 2	0.74%
<b>General Service</b>	
Schedule 25	0.73%
Schedule 28	1.00%
<b>Large General Service</b>	
Schedule 33	1.04%
Schedule 46	1.25%
Schedule 48T	1.15%
<b>Irrigation</b>	
Schedule 40	1.00%
Schedule 210	0.69%
<b>Lighting Schedules</b>	0.67%
<b>Overall</b>	1.04%

27. **Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(RMM-4)**, contains proposed revised tariff Schedule 93 and Schedule 95 in both legislative and final formats with the RRA and ECAM rates, respectively, that reflect the calculations and analysis set forth in the exhibits to this Application.

28. In order to expedite the approval process of this Application, the Company has included both printed and electronic versions of a proposed Notice of Application.

WHEREFORE, Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests that the Commission issue a Notice of Application for the 2020 RRA and the 2020 ECAM as soon as practicable. Rocky Mountain Power further requests that the Commission approve interim rates as provided in tariff Schedule 95 to charge approximately \$13.9 million in ECAM deferred NPC and approve interim rates as provided in tariff Schedule 93 to refund customers approximately \$973 thousand as a sur-credit to reflect RRA forecast and true-up of REC and SO<sub>2</sub> revenues as identified in this Application, both with an interim effective date of June 15, 2020.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## **Attachment 1**

### Minimum Filing Requirements

**ATTACHMENT 1 IS VOLUMINOUS AND IS  
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<b>ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM )</b>	

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Rocky Mountain Power, pursuant to Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s Rules and Rule 26 of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure, hereby requests that the Commission approve the Company’s “confidential” designation of certain exhibits and testimony accompanying the Application in the above captioned matter, based on the explanations set forth below. The testimony and exhibits are properly labeled as “confidential” and were provided electronically and in paper form to the Commission. The Company anticipates that there will be additional data requests from the parties and/or Commission staff that will request confidential information, and potentially, confidential testimony filed by the intervening parties or the Company.

In addition, the Company files with this Petition, as required by Chapter 2, Section 30(d) of the Rules, a proposed Protective Order, attached hereto, with the appropriate form to be signed

by parties who wish to use information that is designated, and approved by the Commission to be treated, as “confidential,” including confidential information that is subsequently designated as “confidential” during the course of the above-captioned case.

Support for “Confidentiality” Designation

1. The confidential testimony and exhibits of Company witness Kelcey A. Brown and the confidential exhibits of Company witness David G. Webb filed with the Application contain confidential information, including pricing, contracts, reports and other terms that could be misappropriated by parties for their commercial benefit and to the Company’s and its customers’ detriment if not treated as confidential pursuant to the Commission’s protective order.

2. Accordingly, the Company has designated portions of each of the above designated testimony and exhibits as “confidential” and respectfully requests that the Commission approve such designation.

WHEREFORE, Rocky Mountain Power respectfully requests the following:

1. That the Commission approve Rocky Mountain Power’s Petition.
2. That the Commission designate the indicated portions of the testimony and exhibits of Company witnesses Kelcey A. Brown and David G. Webb as “confidential” and provide that the use of such confidential information must be made pursuant to the protective order.
3. That the Commission issue a protective order in substantially the same form as the proposed protective order attached hereto.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Emily Wegener". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i' in "Emily".

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PROTECTIVE ORDER  
(Issued April \_\_, 2020)

This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon Rocky Mountain Power's (Rocky Mountain or the Company) *Petition for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order (Petition)* in the above-captioned matter. The Commission, having reviewed the *Petition*, Rocky Mountain Power's application, its files regarding Rocky Mountain, applicable Wyoming utility law, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, FINDS and CONCLUDES:

1. Rocky Mountain Power is a public utility as defined by W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and, as such, is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction under W.S. § 37-2-112.
2. On April 15, 2020, Rocky Mountain filed a Petition for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order, in support whereof it alleged that certain testimony and exhibits in this matter contain confidential information and that parties to this matter might, during discovery, seek the production of trade secrets, commercially sensitive or confidential business information, or information that is otherwise so sensitive in nature that disclosure would jeopardize the interests of the party that has been requested to disclose the information, and the unlimited disclosure of which could result in economic harm to the disclosing party. The Company also asserted that a protective order would facilitate a full and timely review of the above-captioned application.
3. Rocky Mountain's *Petition* was heard by the Commission pursuant to due notice at its open meeting of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020. Commission Advisory Staff recommended the Commission approve Rocky Mountain's *Petition* as being generally compliant with Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules. We find there exists a potential body of information which is of such a sensitive nature that its unlimited disclosure could result in economic harm to Rocky Mountain or another disclosing party but which should be shared with the parties to this proceeding. The

Commission finds and concludes that Rocky Mountain has supported its request for confidential treatment of such documents and information under Rule Chapter 2, Section 30. The Commission also finds and concludes that the proposed documents offered by Rocky Mountain, suitably expressing the Commission's prerogatives in the matter and ensuring the necessary references to Rule Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules, should be approved in the public interest as a useful and efficient method of dealing with confidential information in this case. The Commission finds that sufficient grounds exist for entry of a protective order under Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules, generally as sought by Rocky Mountain in its *Petition*.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:

1. Pursuant to open meeting action taken on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power's *Petition for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order* is granted.

2. The confidential information in this proceeding shall be dealt with according to the terms of the ensuing paragraphs 3 through 16.

3. The parties to this proceeding shall allow each of the authorized parties, under Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules and the terms of this *Protective Order*, to have access to and to review data and information claimed by each to be of a confidential nature. The parties have designated or may in the future designate documents filed with the Commission or produced in discovery as confidential for the reason that such documents contain confidential information, trade secrets, proprietary information or commercially sensitive information.

4. Definitions. For purposes of this *Protective Order*, the following terms shall mean:

a. "Documents" shall mean and include all written, recorded or electronic graphic matters of any kind or nature whatsoever, within the meaning of Rule 34(a) W.R.C.P., or Rule 1001 W.R.E., and shall extend to any subsequent compilation, summary, quotation, or reproduction thereof prepared at any subsequent time in any subsequent form or proceeding, in whole or in part and shall include computer software, computer models and information generated by computer software and models. The reference to "Rule 1001 W.R.E." is for definitional purposes only and is not intended to suggest that the Wyoming Rules of Evidence are applicable to Commission proceedings. Further the reference to W.R.C.P. is not intended to suggest that any of the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure are applicable to Commission proceedings, except those specifically made applicable to Commission proceedings by the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act.

b. "Confidential Information" shall mean and include any Documents and all contents thereof which are marked "CONFIDENTIAL" by the party producing the information ("Producing Party"), including information prepared, presented, typed or copied on yellow paper.

c. "Authorized Person(s)" shall mean and be limited to the employees,

attorneys and expert witnesses or consultants of the party receiving the information (“Receiving Party”) who are necessary to assist counsel in preparation for the proceedings in this docket. “Authorized Person(s)” shall not include individuals responsible for marketing or other competitive activities or who could use the information in the normal course of their employment to the competitive disadvantage of the Producing Party except upon prior approval of the Commission. No person, with the exception of the Commissioners, members of the Commission Staff and the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate, shall be considered an Authorized Person under this *Protective Order* unless such person is qualified as such under paragraph 5 below.

d. “Authorized Use” shall mean and be limited to use only for purposes of this docket in addressing the issues arising in this proceeding over which the Commission has jurisdiction.

e. “Disclose”, “make disclosure of”, or “disclosure” shall mean and include the dissemination to any person, firm, corporation or other entity of the contents of a Document, whether that dissemination is by means of the transmittal or transfer of the original or a copy of that document or any verbal or other dissemination of the contents of the Document.

5. Restrictions on Disclosure of Confidential Information. All Confidential Information and the disclosure thereof shall be subject to the following restrictions:

a. A Producing Party or Receiving Party may submit Confidential Information to the Commission, the Commission Staff, and the staff of the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate for the purposes of this proceeding, provided that the information is submitted, identified and maintained as Confidential Information subject to Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission’s Rules. Other than the disclosures described in the previous sentence, the Receiving Party shall not disclose any Confidential Information to anyone other than its Authorized Person(s) for the sole purpose of the Receiving Party’s review and analysis of this filing.

b. Whether Confidential Information has been produced in hard copy or in some other form, the Receiving Party shall make no copies or reproductions of any kind or nature whatsoever of the Confidential Information so supplied, except that copies or reproductions may be made when necessary for use by Authorized Persons in preparation for the proceedings on the filing or the presentation of the party’s case.

c. The foregoing notwithstanding and with the exception of the Commission, Commission Staff, or the staff of the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate, the Receiving Party may not receive Confidential Information until they have signed a Nondisclosure Agreement in the form attached hereto, marked as “Exhibit A” and incorporated herein by reference. Upon execution of “Exhibit A”, the signed originals shall be furnished to counsel of record for the Producing Party and copies thereof shall be filed with the Commission. Furthermore, a Receiving Party may not disclose Confidential Information to an Authorized Person unless, prior to the disclosure of such Confidential Information, the Authorized Person has signed and furnished an “Exhibit A” Nondisclosure Agreement as required above.

d. Counsel for the Receiving Party shall be responsible for designating Authorized Persons to whom disclosure of Confidential Information is deemed necessary to assist counsel in the preparation for proceedings in this docket. The names of authorized persons shall be provided to the Producing Party at least five (5) business days prior to any disclosure to enable the Producing Party to challenge the right of an individual to review Confidential Information for any reason prior to disclosure to that individual, unless the Producing Party waives this right. In the event the Parties cannot resolve a challenge between themselves, the challenge will be resolved by the Commission. During the pendency of the challenge, no disclosure shall be made to the individual in question and the Commission shall retain its specific authority to extend or adjust deadlines as, in its opinion, justice may require due to delays caused by the exercise of rights under this provision or otherwise.

6. Protective measures for Highly Sensitive Confidential Information. A Producing Party may claim that additional protective measures, beyond those otherwise required under this *Protective Order*, are warranted for certain Confidential Information referred to as Highly Sensitive Confidential Information. A Producing Party making such a claim shall identify such Highly Sensitive Confidential Information and shall inform the Receiving Party of their claimed highly sensitive nature as soon as possible.

a. General procedure. As to documents designated as Highly Sensitive Confidential Information, the Producing Party shall have the right, at its option, not to provide copies thereof to other parties, their counsel, experts or other representatives. In the event a Producing Party does not provide copies of Highly Sensitive Confidential Information, such Highly Sensitive Confidential Information, if discoverable, may be made available for inspection and review by counsel or experts for the Receiving Party at a mutually agreed upon place and time. Inspection may occur at all times during normal business hours upon request made not later than fifteen (15) business days before inspection is to occur, and within such time as is allowed by the Commission under its Rules or the Wyoming Rules of Civil Procedure applicable to responses to discovery requests under the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act. Failure of the Producing Party to make information available for inspection at the agreed place after timely request has been made shall constitute a waiver of the restrictions contained in this subparagraph and the Receiving Party may demand and shall be provided a copy of the information, subject to Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules and the other terms of this *Protective Order*. Where copies are not provided, counsel and experts reviewing the Highly Sensitive Confidential Information may make notes regarding the highly sensitive Confidential Information for reference purposes only. Such notes shall not consist of a verbatim or substantive transcript of the highly sensitive Confidential Information and shall be themselves Confidential Information subject to Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules and the terms of this *Protective Order*.

b. Additional protection. In the event that any party believes a different level of protection than that provided for above in this paragraph is appropriate for any Highly Sensitive Confidential Information, the parties shall first attempt to reach agreement on the appropriate level of protection. If agreement cannot be reached, any party may request that the Commission resolve

the disagreement. The concerned party may petition the Commission for an order granting additional protective measures which the petitioner believes are warranted for the claimed Highly Sensitive Confidential Information that is to be produced. The petition shall set forth the particular basis for: the claim, the specific additional protective measures requested, the need therefore, and the reasonableness of the requested additional protection. A party who would otherwise receive the documents and information under the terms of this *Protective Order* may respond to the petition and oppose or propose alternative protective measures to those requested by the provider of the claimed Highly Sensitive Confidential Information. In disputes brought to the Commission for resolution under this subparagraph, the petitioning party shall have the burden to prove that the additional protections it proposes should be approved.

7. Disputes in general. In the event the Receiving Party objects to the Producing Party's designation of a document or its contents as Confidential Information, the materials shall be treated as Confidential Information until a contrary ruling by the Commission, or, if appropriate, a court of competent jurisdiction. Prior to the time any objection to a designation of Confidential Information is brought before the Commission or, if appropriate, a court of competent jurisdiction, for resolution, the parties shall attempt to resolve the objection by agreement. If the parties are unable to reach an agreement, then either of them may bring the objection before the Commission or, if appropriate, a court of competent jurisdiction in accordance with the applicable rules of that forum. In disputes brought to the Commission for resolution under this paragraph, the Producing Party shall have the burden under Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules to prove that the protections it proposes should be approved. The parties recognize that the Commission has the authority to extend or adjust deadlines as, in its opinion, justice may require due to delays caused by the exercise of rights under this provision or otherwise. For purposes of resolving disputes concerning Highly Sensitive Confidential Information, references in this paragraph to Confidential Information shall include Highly Sensitive Confidential Information. All resolutions shall be made by order of the Commission.

8. General procedures for the use of Confidential Information.

a. Receipt into Evidence. Confidential Information may be received into evidence in this proceeding under seal. Unless the Commission requires or allows a different time period, at least ten (10) days prior to the use of, or substantive reference to any Confidential Information as evidence, the party intending to use such Confidential Information shall provide notice of that intention to the counsel for the Producing Party. The Requesting Party and the Producing Party shall make a good faith effort to reach an agreement so that the information can be used in a manner which will not reveal Confidential Information. If such efforts fail, the concerned parties shall within five (5) days, unless the Commission requires or allows a different time period, designate which portions, if any, of the documents to be offered, or referred to on the record contain Confidential Information. The portions of the documents so designated shall be placed in the sealed record. Only one (1) copy of documents designated by the Producing Party to be placed in the sealed record shall be made and only for that purpose. Any required additional copies of the record shall receive the same treatment. Otherwise, parties shall make only general references to Confidential Information in these proceedings, except as may be provided for in

subparagraph c below. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Commission may make and retain such copies of this Confidential Information as it sees fit for the efficient disposition of the proceeding.

b. Seal. While in the custody of the Commission or any member of its staff, these materials shall be marked “CONFIDENTIAL-SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER IN DOCKET NO. 20000-\_\_\_\_\_”, and shall be immediately entitled to be treated as Confidential Information under Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission’s Rules, pending any further order of the Commission.

c. In Camera Hearing. Any Confidential Information which must be orally disclosed by any person shall be part of the sealed record in this proceeding and shall be offered only in an *in camera* hearing, attended only by persons authorized to have access to the Confidential Information under Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission’s rules and this *Protective Order*. Similarly, cross-examination on, or substantive references to, Confidential Information, as well as that portion of the record containing references thereto, shall be marked and treated as provided herein.

d. Appeal. Sealed portions of the record in this proceeding may be forwarded to any court of competent jurisdiction on appeal in accordance with applicable rules and regulations, but under seal as designated herein, for the information and use of the court only.

e. Return. Unless otherwise ordered, Confidential Information, including transcripts of any depositions to which a claim of confidentiality is made, shall remain under seal, shall continue to be subject to the protection of Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission’s Rules and the requirements of this *Protective Order*, and shall, within 30 days after final settlement, or other conclusion of this matter, including any administrative or judicial review thereof, be either [i] returned to counsel for the Producing Party or [ii] destroyed by the Receiving Party. Compliance with this paragraph shall be evidenced by an affidavit of counsel for the Receiving Party in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B. The Commission may retain such Confidential Information as it deems necessary subject to Chapter 2, Section 30 of its Rules. Counsel who are provided access to Confidential Information pursuant to the terms of this *Protective Order* may retain their notes, work papers or other documents that would be considered the attorneys’ work product created with respect to their use and access to Confidential Information in this docket. An expert witness, accorded access to Confidential Information pursuant to this *Protective Order*, shall provide to counsel for the party on whose behalf the expert was retained or employed, the expert’s notes, work papers or other documents pertaining or relating to any Confidential Information. Counsel shall retain these expert’s documents with counsel’s documents.

f. Redacted public versions of Confidential Information. It is the Commission's policy that its proceedings be as open and transparent as possible, so members of the public may have the greatest possible access to and understanding thereof. Therefore, whenever only a portion of a Document is considered Confidential Information hereunder, the confidential portion shall be clearly identified and treated as such in accordance with this *Protective Order*. However, the Producing Party shall restrict its designation of confidential status to the end that as

much of the Document as possible shall remain nonconfidential and open to public inspection. When a Producing Party submits such a partially confidential Document, it shall simultaneously submit a redacted version thereof with the Confidential Information blacked out or otherwise rendered indecipherable. The identification of Confidential Information in any partially confidential Document shall be restricted to those portions thereof which are actually confidential (e.g., if only two pages of a Document contain Confidential Information, only those pages should be reproduced on yellow paper). The public redacted version of any such document shall be clearly marked on its face "Redacted Nonconfidential Public Version".

9. Use by Parties. Where reference to Confidential Information in the sealed record is required in pleadings, cross-examinations, briefs, argument, motions or otherwise, it shall be, to the extent possible, only by citation or title, or exhibit number, or by some other non-confidential description. Any other use of, or substantive references to, Confidential Information, shall be placed in a separate section of the pleading or brief and submitted to the Commission under seal, on yellow paper, and identified as provided for in paragraph 8b above. This sealed section shall be served only on counsel of record (one copy each), who have signed a Nondisclosure Agreement (Exhibit A). All the protections afforded by this *Protective Order*, the Commission's Rules and its orders with respect thereto shall apply to materials prepared and distributed under this paragraph.

10. Use in Decisions and Orders. The Commission will attempt to refer to Confidential Information in only a general or conclusory manner and will avoid reproduction in any decision of Confidential Information to the greatest possible extent. If the Commission deems it necessary to discuss Confidential Information specifically, it will treat the Confidential Information in a manner consistent with the treatment of Confidential Information in paragraph 9 above.

11. Removal of confidential status.

a. Voluntary disclosure. Nothing in this *Protective Order* shall preclude a Producing Party from using or disclosing any of its own Confidential Information for any purpose or to any person. If any information for which Confidential Information status is sought in this case has been previously filed by a party as public information with a court or any federal or state agency, the party seeking to have the designation continue to apply thereto shall petition the Commission for such a designation.

b. Petition for removal of confidential status. Any party at any time upon ten (10) days prior notice may seek by appropriate pleading to the Commission to have documents that have been designated as Confidential Information or Highly Sensitive Confidential Information, or which were accepted into the sealed record in accordance with this *Protective Order*, removed from the protective requirements of this *Protective Order*, or from the sealed record and placed in the public record. If the confidential nature of such information is challenged, the Commission will resolve the issue in an *in camera* hearing at which only those persons duly authorized hereunder to have access to such Confidential Information or Highly Sensitive Confidential Information shall be present. If the Commission finds that no party would be prejudiced thereby and the case continues to proceed in an orderly manner, it may provide in such order that its decision will not take effect for a period of ten (10) days or such other time period as

may be deemed advisable by the Commission to protect the rights of parties to seek further relief and to provide for the efficient and orderly conduct of the case.

12. Limitations. Nothing in this *Protective Order* shall prohibit or limit any party as to any objections it may otherwise have to the disclosure of any Confidential Information to which this *Protective Order* applies.

13. Filing of Discovery Requests and Responses. In dealing with Confidential Information, the parties are reminded of Chapter 2, Section 17 of the Commission's Rules regarding discovery-related filings which states:

- (a) The taking of depositions and discovery shall be in accordance with Wyoming Statute § 16-3-107(g).
- (b) Unless the hearing officer or adjudicative agency orders otherwise, parties shall not file discovery requests, answers, and deposition notices with the hearing officer or adjudicative agency.

14. Protection to survive after end of proceeding. The provisions of this *Protective Order*, insofar as they restrict the disclosure and use of Confidential Information governed by this *Protective Order*, shall, without the written agreement of the parties or further order of the Commission, or if appropriate, a court of competent jurisdiction, continue to be binding after the conclusion of the case.

15. Commission authority retained. This *Protective Order* does not diminish or limit the Commission's authority to deal with Confidential Information in this case under applicable Wyoming laws and rules, including, without limitation, Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules. Nothing in this *Protective Order* shall prevent a party from placing before the Commission its desire for relief with respect to any issue arising with regard to any information alleged to be covered by this *Protective Order*, including disputes arising in the event that information is not disclosed to a party under this *Protective Order*.

16. Commission jurisdiction not limited hereby. Nothing in this *Protective Order* shall be construed as limiting the Commission's jurisdiction in this case or the prerogatives of the Commission regarding the orderly governance and disposition of this case, the use and disposition of Confidential Information or its prerogatives to make and enter all orders it deems necessary in the public interest, giving careful regard to the interests of the parties and the commercially sensitive nature of the information involved.

17. This *Protective Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

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(SEAL)

Attest:

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**EXHIBIT A TO PROTECTIVE ORDER**

**NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT:**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO INCREASE CURRENT RATES BY \$7.4 MILLION TO RECOVER DEFERRED NET POWER COSTS PURSUANT TO TARIFF SCHEDULE 95 ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM AND TO DECREASE CURRENT RATES BY \$604 THOUSAND PURSUANT TO TARIFF SCHEDULE 93, REC AND SO2 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM – DOCKET NO. 20000-\_\_\_\_\_

I hereby agree that I have been furnished a copy of and have read and understand the *Protective Order* issued by the Wyoming Public Service Commission in Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_\_ with respect to the review and use of Confidential Information. I understand the *Protective Order* and the definition of Confidential Information contained herein, and agree to comply with the terms and conditions of the *Protective Order* with respect to all Confidential Information covered thereby. I also have read, understand and agree to be bound by and to comply with Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission’s Rules, a copy of which is attached hereto.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Employer or Firm

\_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Party With Whom Associated

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

**ATTACHMENT TO EXHIBIT A -- NONDISCLOSURE AGREEMENT:**  
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO INCREASE  
CURRENT RATES BY \$7.4 MILLION TO RECOVER DEFERRED NET POWER COSTS  
PURSUANT TO TARIFF SCHEDULE 95 ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM  
AND TO DECREASE CURRENT RATES BY \$604 THOUSAND PURSUANT TO TARIFF  
SCHEDULE 93, REC AND SO2 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM – DOCKET NO.  
20000-\_\_\_\_\_

Commission Rule Chapter 2, Section 30: Confidentiality of Information.

(a) Upon petition, and for good cause shown, the Commission shall deem confidential any information filed with the Commission or in the custody of the Commission or staff which is shown to be of the nature described in Wyoming Statute § 16-4-203(a), (b), (d) or (g). All information for which confidential treatment is requested shall be treated as confidential until the Commission rules whether, and to what extent, the information shall be given confidential treatment.

(b) Any person requesting confidential treatment of information (except as directed by the Commission in investigative and discovery matters) shall file a petition that includes the following information:

(i) The assigned docket, if applicable.

(ii) Title the filing as: Petition for Confidential Treatment of \_\_\_\_\_..

(iii) Numbered listings and explanations in adequate detail to support why confidentiality should be authorized for each item, category, page, document or testimony. Each item, category or page of proposed confidential information shall be attached to the Petition and numbered in the right hand margin so that numbering corresponds with the numbering and detailed explanation(s) in the Petition. If only part of a page, or intermittent parts of pages, are requested to be kept confidential, these should be set off by brackets identified with an item number or numbers. Each page containing information for which confidential treatment is requested shall be printed on yellow paper and marked or stamped at the top in capital letters: CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION.

(iv) A request for return or other final disposition of the information.

(c) All information deemed confidential under this Rule shall be retained in secure areas of the Commission's offices.

(d) If the person petitioning for confidential treatment of information intends that parties in a case have access thereto, upon signing a statement that the information shall be treated as confidential, the petitioner shall prepare a proposed protective order for the Commission's approval with an attached form to be signed by the parties and made part of the Commission's permanent case file.

(e) Information in the Commission's confidential files shall be retained for the period determined by the Commission. On an appeal of a Commission final order, any confidential information included in the record shall be sealed and delivered to the court pursuant to the W.A.P.A.

(f) The Commission may consider oral petitions for confidential treatment of information when the public interest requires.

**EXHIBIT B TO PROTECTIVE ORDER**

**AFFIDAVIT OF COUNSEL:**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO INCREASE CURRENT RATES BY \$7.4 MILLION TO RECOVER DEFERRED NET POWER COSTS PURSUANT TO TARIFF SCHEDULE 95 ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM AND TO DECREASE CURRENT RATES BY \$604 THOUSAND PURSUANT TO TARIFF SCHEDULE 93, REC AND SO2 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM – DOCKET NO. 20000-\_\_\_\_\_

[Counsel] being of lawful age and being first duly sworn, hereby deposes and says that:

Alternative ¶1 (to be used if documents returned). I have obtained the original copies of all Confidential Information provided to [Receiving Party] by [Producing Party] in the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s proceedings in **Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_\_** concerning Rocky Mountain Power and all such documents are being returned to [Producing Party] together with this Affidavit. Furthermore, I have obtained all copies and reproductions of such Confidential Information known to me to exist in the custody or control of [Receiving Party], its employees, attorneys, experts, consultants and agents and all such documents are being returned to [Producing Party] together with this Affidavit.

Alternative ¶1 (to be used if documents destroyed). I have obtained the original copies of all Confidential Information provided to [Receiving Party] by [Producing Party] in the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s proceedings in **Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_\_** concerning Rocky Mountain Power and all such documents have been destroyed. Furthermore, I have obtained all copies and reproductions of such Confidential Information known to me to exist in the custody or control of [Receiving Party], its employees, attorneys, experts, consultants and agents and all such documents have been destroyed.

2. I have made diligent inquiry of all persons known to me to have had access to the Confidential Information received from [Producing Party] in the captioned proceeding and have otherwise diligently endeavored to identify and locate all copies of such Confidential Information in the custody or control of [Receiving Party], its employees, attorneys, experts, consultants and agents. Other than myself, the employees’ attorney, experts, consultants, and agents who have had access to the Confidential Information together with their current address are listed below.

[LIST PERSONS WHO HAVE HAD ACCESS.]

Alternative ¶3 (to be used if documents returned). I am not aware of the existence of any copies or reproductions of the Confidential Information provided to [Receiving Party] by [Producing Party] in the captioned proceeding that are not included and returned to [Producing Party] with this Affidavit.



**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO )  
INCREASE CURRENT RATES BY \$7.4 )  
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THOUSAND PURSUANT TO TARIFF )  
SCHEDULE 93, REC AND SO2 REVENUE )  
ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM )**

Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_-EM-20  
(Record No. \_\_\_\_\_)

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION  
(Issued April \_\_, 2020)**

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Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Rules of the Public Service Commission of Wyoming, notice is hereby given of the application of Rocky Mountain Power requesting authority to change rates pursuant to two different rate schedules: (1) its energy cost adjustment mechanism (“ECAM”) Tariff Schedule 95 requesting approval to increase rates by \$7.4 million or 1.13 percent in deferred net power costs (“NPC”); and (2) its REC and SO2 revenue adjustment mechanism (“RRA”) Tariff Schedule 93, requesting approval to decrease rates by \$604 thousand or 0.09 percent, as more fully described below.

1. Rocky Mountain Power (or the “Company”) is a public utility, as defined in W.S. §37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), providing retail electric public utility service under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Public Service Commission of Wyoming (“Commission”). Rocky Mountain Power is subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction under W.S. §37-2-112.

2. Rocky Mountain Power is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, which provides retail electric service through its Rocky Mountain Power division in the states of Wyoming, Utah, and Idaho, and provides retail electric service through its Pacific Power division in the states of Washington, Oregon, and California.

3. The Company’s principal place of business in Wyoming is Casper. Rocky Mountain Power provides retail electricity service to approximately 147,000 customers in Wyoming. Rocky Mountain Power provides retail electric service in the following fifteen counties: Albany, Big Horn, Carbon, Converse, Fremont, Hot Springs, Johnson, Lincoln, Natrona, Park, Platte, Sublette, Sweetwater, Uinta, and Washakie, including, among others, the following cities: Buffalo, Big Piney, Casper, Cody, Douglas, Evanston, Glenrock, Green River, Kemmerer, Lander, Laramie, Lovell, Pinedale, Rawlins, Riverton, Rock Springs, Thermopolis, and Worland.

## Brief Summary of the Application

4. On April 15, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power submitted an application, together with testimony, exhibits and revised tariff sheets requesting authority to revise and change rates pursuant to two different rate schedules: (1) its ECAM Tariff Schedule 95 requesting approval to increase rates by \$7.4 million or 1.13 percent in deferred NPC; and (2) its RRA Tariff Schedule 93, requesting approval to decrease rates by \$604 thousand or 0.09 percent to reflect the sale of renewable energy credits (“RECs”) and sulfur dioxide (“SO2”) emission allowances.

5. Pursuant to Tariff Schedule 95, the Company is proposing to recover approximately \$13.9 million comprised of total deferred NPC including embedded cost differential (“ECD”) adjustments during the deferral period, deferral period interest, and residual balances from the 2018 ECAM and 2019 ECAM. The Company is proposing to revise Tariff Schedule 95 by increasing the current charge of approximately \$6.5 million and adding the approximately \$7.4 million to the currently effective deferred NPC rate for a total increase of approximately \$13.9 million to retail customers.

6. Pursuant to Tariff Schedule 93, the Company is proposing to refund to customers approximately \$973 thousand to account for calendar year 2019 balancing account adjustments and 2020 forecast sales revenues for REC and SO2 products in the market. From the currently approved \$369 thousand surcredit, this results in an overall decrease of approximately \$604 thousand from current rates.

7. The Company requests that the increase in Wyoming rates become effective on an interim basis June 15, 2020, subject to further review and hearing.

8. The proposed price changes by tariff rate schedule in the Application are set forth in the tables below:

**ECAM Schedule 95**

Customer Class	Proposed Percentage Change 2020 Wyoming ECAM
<b>Residential</b>	
Schedule 2	0.85%
<b>General Service</b>	
Schedule 25	0.80%
Schedule 28	1.13%
<b>Large General Service</b>	
Schedule 33	1.16%
Schedule 46	1.35%
Schedule 48T	1.22%
<b>Irrigation</b>	
Schedule 40	1.02%
Schedule 210	0.72%
<b>Lighting Schedules</b>	
	0.45%
<b>Overall</b>	1.13%

### RRA Schedule 93

<b>Customer Class</b>	<b>Proposed Percentage Change 2020 Wyoming RRA</b>
<b>Residential</b>	
Schedule 2	(0.11)%
<b>General Service</b>	
Schedule 25	(0.06)%
Schedule 28	(0.12)%
<b>Large General Service</b>	
Schedule 33	(0.12)%
Schedule 46	(0.10)%
Schedule 48T	(0.06)%
<b>Irrigation</b>	
Schedule 40	(0.02)%
Schedule 210	(0.04)%
Lighting Schedules	0.22%
<b>Overall</b>	(0.09)%

### Intervention and Other Participation

9. This is not a complete description of the application. Customers with questions about how the case could change their individual electricity bills should contact Rocky Mountain Power directly for further information. Interested persons may inspect the application during regular business hours at Rocky Mountain Power's Wyoming service centers located in Casper (Casper Service Center and Casper Region Office), Cody, Evanston, Laramie, Pinedale, Rawlins, Riverton, Rock Springs and Worland, and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The application and its supporting testimony and exhibits may also be reviewed on the internet at <http://www.rockymountainpower.net>.

10. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2020. Intervention petitions and request for a public hearing shall set forth the grounds on which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

### Contacting the Commission

11. For more information and assistance, or if you wish to intervene in this matter and/or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Hansen Building, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please be sure to make reference to Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_-EA-20 in your correspondence.

12. This Notice of Application may be published without its caption and signature block as an official notice in this matter, which shall consist of paragraphs 1 through 11 hereof.

13. This *Notice of Application* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

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