

**BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR AN ORDER APPROVING NONTRADITIONAL RATEMAKING RELATED TO WIND REPOWERING	Docket No. 20000-____-EA-17 (Record No. _____)
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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**  
**(Issued \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, 2017)**

1. In accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Rules of Practice & Procedure of the Wyoming Public Service Commission, notice is hereby given of the application of Rocky Mountain Power requesting that the Commission (a) determine that the Company’s decision to upgrade or “repower” most of its existing wind resources is prudent, (b) approve the Company’s continued cost recovery of the replaced wind plant equipment, and (c) approve the Company’s proposed ratemaking treatment, all as more fully described below.
  
2. 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 Wyoming Public Service Commission (“Commission”). Rocky Mountain Power is subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction under W.S. §37-2-112.
  
3. 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.
  
4. 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**

5. On June 30, 2017, Rocky Mountain Power submitted an application, together with testimony, exhibits and tariff sheets requesting an order that (a) determines that the Company's decision to upgrade or "repower" most of its existing wind resources is prudent, (b) approves the Company's continued cost recovery of the replaced wind plant equipment, and (c) approves the Company's proposed ratemaking treatment. The Company proposes to upgrade or "repower" its wind resources because doing so provides net benefits to customers by increasing energy production, reducing operating costs, and requalifying the Company's existing wind resources for federal production tax credits ("PTCs"), which expire 10 years after a facility's original commercial operation date. To achieve the full PTC benefits, the Company must complete the wind repowering by the end of 2020.

6. The Company proposes to repower most of its Wyoming wind fleet (Glenrock I, Glenrock III, Rolling Hills, Seven Mile Hill I, Seven Mile Hill II, High Plains, McFadden Ridge, and Dunlap); the Marengo I, Marengo II and Goodnoe Hills facilities in Washington; and the Leaning Juniper facility in Oregon. This represents a total of 999.1 megawatts ("MW") of installed wind capacity, with 594 MW in Wyoming, 304.6 MW in Washington, and 100.5 MW in Oregon.

7. Repowering the wind facilities includes the installation of new rotors with longer blades and new nacelles with higher-capacity generators, which increase energy output by an average of 19 percent without changing the footprint, towers, foundations, and energy collector systems of the existing wind facilities. Using modern technology and improved control systems, the repowered wind facilities will produce more cost-effective energy, using zero-cost fuel over an extended useful life at reduced operating costs. Because existing towers and foundations will remain in place and the footprint of the existing projects are unchanged, wind repowering also results in minimal environmental impact and permitting requirements.

8. The Company estimates that wind repowering will cost approximately \$1.13 billion. Because of the magnitude of this capital investment and the overall scope of the project, the Company requests that the Commission approve wind repowering before the Company completes equipment orders and begins construction. In addition, wind repowering is exempt from Wyoming's certificate for public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") process because it does not involve the construction of new resources. The Application gives the Commission a meaningful opportunity to evaluate the prudence of wind repowering to ensure that the project is reasonable, prudent, and in the public interest.

### **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.pacificorp.com>.

10. Anyone desiring to become a party to this proceeding or to file a statement or protest must do so, in writing, with the Commission on or before \_\_\_\_\_, 2017. Any filed petitions must set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing, as well as the position and the interest of the petition in this proceeding. Petitions to intervene not filed by this date must, in accordance with Chapter 2, Section 5 of the Commission's Rules, show good cause why the intervention should be granted. Further procedural and hearing dates for this application will be established by the Commission.

### **Contacting the Commission**

11. For more information and assistance, or if you wish to intervene in this matter and/or request a public hearing that 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-17 in your correspondence.

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.

This *Notice of Application* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2017.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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