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

Docket No. 20000-520-EA-17  
Record No. 14781

**RE: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER  
FOR CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY AND  
NONTRADITIONAL RATEMAKING FOR WIND AND TRANSMISSION FACILITIES  
– Compliance Filing (Required Rights-of-Way and Permits)**

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Dear Mr. Petrie:

Pursuant to the Wyoming Public Service Commission's ("Commission") deliberations held April 12, 2018, and the Memorandum Opinion, Findings, and Order Approving Stipulation issued October 8, 2018 ("Order"), the Commission granted seven conditional Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") for the new wind and transmission projects in Wyoming described in the decision and outlined in the joint compliance filing submitted to the Commission on April 16, 2018. The Commission granted conditional CPCNs subject to the condition that construction could not commence before securing all rights-of-way.<sup>1</sup> The Order further requires Rocky Mountain Power (the "Company") to file copies of all required permits upon their issuance.

Rocky Mountain Power is submitting the rights-of-way/easements and permits obtained at this point in time necessary for the construction of the Aeolus-to-Bridger/Anticline 500 kilovolt ("kV") transmission line ("Aeolus-to-Bridger/Anticline Line CPCN") and additionally certain transmission network upgrades identified in the CPCN filing (the "TB Flats I and II Network Upgrades CPCN", the "Ekola Flats Network Upgrades CPCN" and the "Cedar Springs Network Upgrades CPCN"). The Company is making this filing to allow Commission staff adequate time to review and facilitate approval to begin construction of these facilities by April 1, 2019.

Attachment 1 includes a complete list and copies of the required rights-of-way/easements that have been obtained to date for the Aeolus-to-Bridger/Anticline Line CPCN including the 500 kV transmission line; the new Aeolus (500/230 kV) and Anticline (500/345 kV) substations; a five-

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<sup>1</sup> At the open meeting on December 18, 2018, the Wyoming Public Service Commission approved the Company's compliance filing and lifted the conditional aspect of the CPCN for the TB Flats I and II Wind Project.

mile, 345 kV transmission line from the Anticline substation to the Jim Bridger substation; and a voltage control device at the existing Latham substation. Please note that the necessary rights-of-way required for the network upgrades to interconnect the Ekola Flats Wind Project (the “Ekola Flats Network Upgrades CPCN”) are included in the Aeolus-to-Bridger/Anticline Line CPCN package, as all interconnection work for that project is included within the new Aeolus substation footprint.

Attachment 2 includes a complete list and copies of the required rights-of-way/easements that have been obtained to date for the TB Flats I and II Network Upgrades CPCN, which includes modifications to the existing Shirley Basin substation and construction of a new 16-mile Shirley Basin-to-Aeolus 230 kV transmission line.

Attachment 3 includes a complete list and copies of the required rights-of-way/easements that have been obtained to date for the Cedar Springs Network Upgrades CPCN, which includes modifications to the existing Windstar and Freezeout substations; rebuilding 15-miles of existing 230 kV transmission line from Aeolus-to-Freezeout-to-Standpipe; and rebuilding 16-miles of existing 230 kV transmission line from Shirley Basin-to-Aeolus.

Attachment 4 includes a complete list and copies of the required permits that have been obtained to date for the Aeolus-to-Bridger/Anticline Line CPCN (that includes the 500 kV transmission line; the new Aeolus and Anticline substations; a five-mile, 345 kV transmission line from the Anticline substation to the Jim Bridger substation; a voltage control device at the Latham substation) along with the TB Flats I and II Network Upgrades CPCN, the Ekola Flats Network Upgrades CPCN, and the Cedar Springs Network Upgrades CPCN.

Due to the voluminous nature of the attachments, they are being provided on CDs and electronically through the Commission’s docket management system rather than hard copy.

As noted in the Attachments 1-3, there are a limited number of necessary rights-of-way documents outstanding and some signed authorization letters reflecting an agreement in principle for those documents that have not yet been fully executed. The Company will submit the documents in a supplemental filing once finalized and obtained.

**When all of the rights-of-way/easement documents have been submitted, the Company respectfully requests scheduling these CPCN projects to be presented at the earliest possible open meeting date to lift the conditional aspect of the CPCNs in order to start construction of the respective projects by April 1, 2019.**

Please contact Stacy Splittstoesser, Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager at (307) 632-2677 if you have any questions or would like additional information.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joelle Steward". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "S".

Joelle R. Steward

Vice President, Regulation

Enclosures

cc: Service List (without attachments)

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on March 7, 2019, I caused to be served via E-mail and/or overnight delivery, a true and correct copy of Rocky Mountain Power's **Compliance Filing (Required Rights-of-Way and Permits)** to the following:

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