

Rocky Mountain Power  
Exhibit RMP\_\_\_(RAV-18)  
Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_-EA-17  
Witness: Rick A. Vail

BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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Exhibit Accompanying Direct Testimony of Rick A. Vail

Additional Details on Required Permits

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**Major Permits, Approvals, and Consultations for the Gateway West  
 Transmission Line Project (Excerpts from Table 1.4.1 from FEIS)**

| Regulatory Agency   | Required Permit, Approval, or Consultation                     | Agency Action   |
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| Advisory Council on Historic Preservation   | Section 106 Consultation, National Historic Preservation Act   | Has the opportunity to comment if the Project may affect cultural resources that are either listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). |
| U.S. Department of Defense, Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Omaha District, Walla Walla District | Section 404, Clean Water Act Permit                            | Consider issuance of a Section 404 permit for the placement of dredge or fill material into all waters of the United States, including jurisdictional wetlands.                   |
| U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM)                                  | Antiquities and Cultural Resource Use Permit                   | Has the opportunity to issue permits for use in complying with Section 106 NHPA Act.  |
|   | Various Resource Management Plans                              | Item completed as part of the NEPA process and ROD issuance.  |
|   | ROW Grant  | ROW Grant received November 2013.   |
|   | Plan of Development (POD)                                      | Consider approval of detailed POD.  |
|   | Notice to Proceed  | Following issuance of a ROW grant and approval of a POD, consider issuance of a Notice to Proceed with Project development and mitigation activities.                             |
| U.S. Department of Transportation, Federal Highway Administration                                 | Encroachment Permit  | Consider issuance of permit for transmission line crossing of federally funded highways (typically delegated to the state department of transportation).                          |
| U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Regions 8 and 10  | Section 401, Clean Water Act (CWA) Water Quality Certification | In conjunction with states, consider issuance of water use and crossing permits.  |

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|  | Section 402, CWA, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity for Idaho | Review and issue NPDES permit for discharge of Stormwater in Idaho. In Wyoming, NPDES permitting is delegated to the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (see below). |
|  | Section 404, CWA   | Review CWA, Section 404 applications for dredge-and-fill applications for the USACE with 404(c) veto power for permits issued by the USACE.                                   |
| <b>Wyoming</b>   |  |   |
| All state agencies   | Compliance with Executive Order (EO) 2011-5  | Requires that all agencies demonstrate that activity proposed for permitting be compliant with the requirements of the EO in sage-grouse core areas.                          |
| Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) and the Wyoming Industrial Siting Council | Industrial Siting Permit Wyoming Industrial Information and Siting Act under Chapters 1 and 2, Rules and Regulations of the Industrial Siting Council              | Considers approval of construction and siting of projects with construction cost of \$176 million or more or 160 kV or greater.   |
| WDEQ Air Quality Division  | Construction Permit  | Consider measures to control fugitive dust emissions during construction.   |
| WDEQ Water Quality Division  | Section 401, CWA, Water Quality Certification  | Consider certification of a 404 permit issued by the USACE as consistent with state law and Section 401.  |
|  | Section 402, CWA, NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity for Wyoming   | Review and issue NPDES permit for discharge of stormwater.  |
| Wyoming Game and Fish Department   | Potential Project Impacts to Fish and Wildlife Species and Their Habitat   | Coordinate with BLM, Forest Service, and USFWS on wildlife issues/impacts associated with the Project.  |

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| Wyoming State Historic Preservation Office              | Section 106 Consultation, NHPA                  | Consult with the BLM, the Proponents, other land management agencies, and others regarding activities potentially affecting cultural resources. |
| Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investments           | Easement Across State Lands                     | Consider issuance of a ROW across state lands.  |
| Wyoming Public Service Commission,                      | Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity | Consider issuance of a certificate to allow construction of a public utility, including transmission lines                                      |
| Wyoming Department of Transportation                    | Encroachment Permit                             | Consider issuance of permit to cross or bore under state highways or be within a state highway ROW.   |
| Various (may also require federal and county approvals) | Explosives Permit                               | Consider issuance of a license to store and use explosives.   |