

BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**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)**

Docket No. 20000-____-EA-17
(Record No. _____)

**NOTICE OF APPLICATION
(Issued __ ____, 2017)**

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Rules of Practice & Procedure of the Wyoming Public Service Commission (“Commission”), notice is hereby given of the application of Rocky Mountain Power requesting that the Commission:

(a) issue an order granting certificates of public convenience and necessity (“CPCNs”) to construct or approval to acquire four new Wyoming wind resources with a total capacity of 860 megawatts (“MW”) (collectively, the “Wind Projects”);

(b) issue an order granting CPCNs to construct:

(i) a 140-mile, 500 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line which includes construction of the new Aeolus substation near Medicine Bow, Wyoming, and construction of the new Anticline substation near the Jim Bridger power plant located near Point of Rocks, Wyoming;

(ii) a five-mile, 345 kV transmission line running from the proposed Anticline substation to the existing Jim Bridger substation, which includes modifications to the Jim Bridger substation to allow termination of the new 345 kV line;

(iii) installation of a voltage control device at the Latham substation;

(iv) a new 16-mile, 230 kV transmission line running from the Company’s existing Shirley Basin substation to the proposed Aeolus substation, including modifications to the Shirley Basin substation;

(v) reconstruction of four miles of an existing 230 kV transmission line between the proposed Aeolus substation and the existing Freezeout substation, including modifications to the Freezeout substation;

(vi) reconstruction of 14 miles of an existing 230 kV transmission line between the Freezeout substation and the existing Standpipe substation, including modifications to the Standpipe substation; (collectively, the “Transmission Projects”); and

(c) approve the Company’s proposed ratemaking treatment, all as more fully described below and in the application submitted to the Commission.

2. Rocky Mountain Power (“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 15 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 granting CPCNs to construct or approval to acquire four new Wyoming wind resources with a total capacity of 860 MW. The Company also requests CPCNs to construct a new 140-mile, 500 kV transmission line which includes construction of the new Aeolus substation near Medicine Bow, Wyoming, and construction of the new Anticline substation near the Jim Bridger power plant located near Point of Rocks, Wyoming; construct a five-mile, 345 kV transmission line running from the proposed Anticline substation to the existing Jim Bridger substation, which includes modifications to the Jim Bridger substation to allow termination of the new 345 kV line; install a voltage device at the existing Latham substation; construct a new 16-mile, 230 kV transmission line parallel to an existing 230 kV line running from the Company’s existing Shirley Basin substation to the proposed Aeolus substation including modifications to the Shirley Basin substation; reconstruct four miles of an existing 230 kV transmission line between the proposed Aeolus substation and the existing Freezeout substation including modifications to the Freezeout substation; and also reconstruct 14 miles of an existing 230 kV transmission line between the Freezeout substation and the existing Standpipe substation, along with modifications to the Standpipe substation. Lastly, the Company requests approval of its proposed ratemaking treatment.

6. The proposed projects are a time-limited opportunity to obtain cost-effective generation and construct necessary transmission facilities with minimal impact on customer rates. The

Transmission Projects are necessary to relieve existing congestion and will enable interconnection and integration of the proposed Wind Projects into the Company's transmission system. The proposed Wind Projects, net of federal wind production tax credits ("PTCs") benefits, when combined with the Transmission Projects, are expected to provide economic benefits for the Company's customers. This time-sensitive project requires that the new Wind Projects and Transmission Projects achieve commercial operation by the end of 2020 to fully achieve the benefits of PTCs. To complete construction of all facilities by December 31, 2020, the Company requests that the Commission issue the requested CPCNs as outlined in the application.

7. The Company also requests approval of its proposed ratemaking treatment for the investment in the new wind and transmission resources, in accordance with to W.S. § 37-2-121. The Company proposes to defer 100 percent of the costs and benefits associated with the new facilities, with the exception of the benefits that will flow through existing mechanisms, until its next general rate case. This proposed ratemaking treatment will match the costs and benefits of the new facilities and ensure customers receive the full benefits of the PTCs.

Intervention and Other Participation

8. 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>.

9. 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 shall 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 shall, 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

10. 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-17 in your correspondence.

11. 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 10 hereof.

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

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, this ____ day of _____ 2017.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

(SEAL)

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