

Rocky Mountain Power  
Exhibit B  
Docket No. 20000-\_\_\_\_-EN-20

BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE  
COMMISSION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

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Exhibit Accompanying Application

Notice of Application

August 2020

**EXHIBIT B**  
**PROPOSED NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

**(Issued \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, 2020)**

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 situs and non-situs certificates of public convenience and necessity (“CPCNs”) to construct Gateway South:

(i) a new 414-mile, 500 kilovolt (“kV”) transmission line that will begin at the Aeolus substation located near Medicine Bow, Wyoming and extend west to Wamsutter, Wyoming and then generally south to the Colorado border. From the Wyoming-Colorado border the transmission line will cross through the northwest corner of Colorado, enter Utah and terminate at the Clover substation located near Mona, Utah;

(ii) modification of the existing 345-kV transmission infrastructure around the Clover substation located near Mona, Utah;

(iii) construction of two series compensation substations, one located in Colorado (Little Snake) and one located in Utah (Coyote); and

(iv) modifications to the following existing substations: Aeolus (Wyoming), Anticline (Wyoming), Clover (Utah), and Mona (Utah) to accommodate the new 500 kV transmission line.

(b) issue an order granting a situs CPCN to construct Gateway West Segment D.1:

(i) a new 59 mile, 230-kV transmission line that will begin at the existing Windstar substation located approximately two miles north of the Dave Johnston Generating Station and five miles east of Glenrock, Wyoming and will run south/southwest generally parallel to existing 230 kV transmission line and terminate at the existing Shirley Basin substation located 20 miles north of Medicine Bow, Wyoming;

(ii) rebuilding an existing 230-kV transmission line that runs approximately 57 miles from the Shirley Basin substation in southeastern Wyoming to the Dave Johnston substation near Glenrock, Wyoming;

(iii) construction of a new 230-kV substation (Heward) located adjacent to the existing Difficulty substation owned by Tri-State Generation and Transmission; and

(iv) modifications and additions to the following existing substations located in Wyoming: Shirley Basin, Dave Johnston, Windstar, and Anticline.

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 146,000 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 August \_\_, 2020, Rocky Mountain Power submitted an application, together with testimony and exhibits requesting an order granting situs and non-situs CPCNs to construct a new 414-mile, 500-kV transmission line ("Gateway South") and a new 59-mile, 230 kV transmission line ("Gateway West Segment D.1") along with other ancillary facilities. Gateway South will begin at the Aeolus substation, which is located near Medicine Bow, Wyoming. From the Aeolus substation, the line extends west to Wamsutter, Wyoming, and then generally south to the Colorado border. From there, the line crosses through the northwest corner of Colorado, enters Utah, eventually terminating at the Clover substation near Mona, Utah. Construction of Gateway South requires the modification of existing 345-kV transmission infrastructure in the Mona, Utah area and modifications to the existing Aeolus and Anticline substations located in Wyoming and modifications to the existing Clover and Mona substations located in Utah. Due to the length of Gateway South, construction of two new series compensation substations are necessary, which are the Little Snake substation located in Colorado and the Coyote substation located in Utah. Modifications to the existing Aeolus and Anticline substations located in Wyoming and to the existing Clover and Mona substations located in Utah will also be required to accommodate the Gateway South. Gateway West Segment D.1 will begin at the existing Windstar substation located in southeastern Wyoming and will run southwest to the Shirley Basin substation located 20 miles north of Medicine Bow, Wyoming. Gateway West Segment D.1 will require construction of a new 230-kV Heward substation located adjacent to the existing Difficulty substation and modification to the existing Shirley Basin, Dave Johnston, Windstar, and Anticline substations. Rocky Mountain Power is also proposing to reconstruct 57 miles of an existing 230-kV transmission line that extends from the existing Shirley Basin substation to the existing Dave Johnston substation.

6. The proposed projects are necessary for the following reasons: 1) to allow for interconnection of additional resources to serve load by 2024 and allow interconnection of an additional 1,920 megawatts ("MW") of cost-effective generation resources in eastern Wyoming; 2) offer time-limited federal tax incentives associated with new renewable generation will be enabled by these projects to substantially offset the costs; 3) Rocky Mountain Power is obligated to accommodate 2,500 MW of interconnection and transmission service requests governed by executed contracts that require construction of these projects; and 4) to improve transmission grid

reliability by providing better operational control and critical voltage support to comply with mandated reliability and performance standards. To complete construction of all facilities by December 31, 2023, the Company requests that the Commission conduct a phased approach process to issue the requested CPCNs as outlined in the application.

### **Intervention and Other Participation**

7. This is not a complete description of the application. 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>.

8. 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2020. 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**

9. 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.

10. 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 9 hereof.

*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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