Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requesting authority to increase its retail electric service rates by approximately \$123.5 million per year, or an average overall increase of 14.7 percent with rates effective on and after June 1, 2025; establish an Insurance Cost Adjustment (ICA) rider; revise the Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ECAM); implement a Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP); and implement a voluntary Renewable Energy Credit (REC) program, as more fully described below:

- 1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-l-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.
- 2. On August 2, 2024, RMP submitted an Application, together with supporting testimony, exhibits and revised tariff sheets, requesting the Commission approve the Company's proposal to implement an increase in its Wyoming retail electric utility service rates of \$123.5 million per annum, or an average overall increase of 14.7 percent; establish an ICA rider to recover excess liability insurance premium costs and support a future self-insurance mechanism; revise its ECAM to develop separate cost categories and implement a symmetrical sharing band of 85/15 for defined Category 1 costs and 95/5 for defined Category 2 costs; implement a WMP; and implement a voluntary REC program which permits the Company to retire Renewable Energy Credits on behalf of industrial customers. The Company requests this be effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2025, with the exception of the proposed revisions to the ECAM, which the Company requests to become effective January 1, 2025.
- 3. RMP requests a return on equity of 9.65 percent resulting in an overall cost of capital and return on rate base of 7.45 percent based upon a capital structure consisting of 50 percent debt, 50 percent equity, and a cost of debt of 5.25 percent. The Company states this reflects market circumstances for the twelve months beginning January 1, 2023, adjusted to a forecast test period of calendar year 2025.
- 4.RMP states the requested rate increase is primarily driven by: (1) capital investments including the Gateway South and Gateway West Segment D-1 transmission lines, and the Rock Creek II Wind project; (2) operations and maintenance expense increases; and (3) insurance costs related to rising wildfire risk.
- 5. RMP's proposed percentage increase in price changes, by rate schedule, are:

Customer Class	Proposed Percentage Change
Residential Schedules	
Schedule 2	17.5
General Service	
Schedule 25	11.2
Schedule 28	16.7
Large General Service Schedules	
Schedule 33	18.0
Schedule 46	14.0
Schedule 48T	12.1
Irrigation Schedules	
Schedule 40	0.9
Lighting Schedules	16.4
Overall	14.7

The Company states that due to rate design and individual customer load factors and usage characteristics, the percentage rate change to individual customers within each rate schedule may be higher or lower than the average for the customer class or rate schedule.

6. This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. You may review the Application and its supporting testimony and exhibits at RMP's Wyoming offices or online at: https://www.rockymountainpower.net/about/rates-regulation/wyoming-regulatory-filings.html and at the Commission's office

or online at: https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx (enter Record No. 17659).

- 7. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, on or before September 3, 2024. Petitions shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. The Commission encourages the public's participation and comments will be received throughout the entirety of this proceeding. The opportunity to present verbal comments will be available to anyone appearing, either in person or remotely, during future public proceedings related to this matter. Submitting written comments to the Commission by the deadline set forth above may allow for resolution of issues and/or concerns identified therein. Please mention Docket No. 20000-671-ER-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.
- 8. If you wish to participate in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make necessary arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.

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NOTICE OF SALE

There is a 1974 Jeep CJ (Grey) with VIN# J4F835TH88266 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction ofn the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on August 20, 2024, at 11:00 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Leaf R. Mason and Navy FCU on the above listed vehicle by Anne M. Benboe in the amount of \$2,000.00.

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NOTICE

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is asking Hot Springs County Residents to apply to serve on the following Hot Springs County Board to fill an open seat due to resignation:

Museum, (Term thru June 30, 2025) One Member

Residents of Hot Springs County interested in applying to serve on a Board or position should submit their County Board Application (available on the County website www.hscounty.com or at the County Clerk's Office) to the Hot Springs County Clerk's Office.

Becky Kersten Hot Springs County Clerk

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Hot Springs County Airport_____2024

Request for Qualifications (RFQ)

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners is releasing a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Civil Engineering Services for the Former Airport Re-Use Project located at:

Hot Springs County Former Airport 140 Airport Road Thermopolis, WY 82443

Sealed packets will be received from qualified consultant(s) that demonstrate the ability to reach the County's desired outcomes for the project, which includes, but is not limited to the following:

- 1. Provide project management and oversight
- 2. Assist with obtaining necessary permits
- 3. Assist with bidding phase for demolition and preparation of old runway site for development
- 4. Provide pre/post and construction administration
- 5. Coordinate the removal of the runway asphalt and transportation to the Black Mountain Road Project
- 6. Work with the County and any other contractors on the job
- 7. Assist with grant reporting
- requirements, if necessary
 8. Provide a letter certifying completion

of the project

9. Qualified consultant(s) shall willingly negotiate with the County the contract and services to be provided. Should negotiations with the selected consultant(s) be unsuccessful, the County has the right to cease discussion and move forward with another firm.

Sealed packets will be received by Hot Springs County Clerk, Becky Kersten, 415 Arapahoe St. Thermopolis, WY 82443, Phone: 307-864-3515, until 5:00 p.m. MDT, September 11, 2024.

The Respondent Guarantees and Warranties Form must be enclosed with the statement of qualification (SOQ) to be considered, and must be signed by the authorized representative of the firm. Forms will not be accepted by Fax. Statement of qualifications must be received in the office of the Hot Springs County Clerk on or before the time and date specified. Statement of Qualifications received after the time specified will not be considered. Statement of qualifications received are restricted and not publicly available until after the Board of County Commissioners award a contract or cancel the RFQ.

Any questions regarding the RFQ shall be submitted by August 29, 2024, at which time an Addendum will be released to all known vendors and on the Hot Springs County Website (https://hscounty.com/).

Respondents must submit the following documents with their SOQ:

- 1. Respondent Guarantees and Warranties (Attachment A)
- 2. Executive Summary, including a degree of interest shown in undertaking the project and familiarity with and proximity to the geographic location of the project
- 3. Capability to perform all or most aspects of the project and recent experience in projects comparable to the proposed task
- 4. Full Description of Organization (including identification of all parties having a beneficial interest in the qualification)
 5. Quality of projects previously
- undertaken and capability to complete projects without having major cost escalations or overruns 6. Brief History of Company/
- Experience/ Resumes of Key Team Members/ Project Examples
- 7. Implementation Plan/Timeline 8. Three (3) Letters of Reference
- 9. Insurance Certificate
- 10. Acknowledgement of Addendum released, if applicable

The complete RFQ can be found on the Hot Springs County Website (https://hscounty.com/) or by emailing the Administrative Assistant to the County Commissioners, Connie Guntly, at connie.guntly@hscounty.com.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on August 6, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Bill Malloy, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Town Engineer Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to approve the agenda as presented.

MINUTES: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from July 16, 2024.

BILLS: Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the General, Enterprise and Special Fund bills for July 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: ERIC KAY-SHRINERS PARADE: Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to authorize the mayor to sign the WYDOT street closure permit for the Shriners parade on September 21, 2024.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: DISCOVERY DAYS 24-HOUR ALCOHOL PERMITS: Estenson noted he approved catering permits for Son-Rise Operations and malt beverage permits for Wyoming Discovery Days due to timing issues.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: OEBSA-LOON - CATERING PERMITS: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve two catering permits for OEB Saloon. The first is for the Demo Derby, at the Fairgrounds on August 10, 2024, from 3 pm to 11 pm. The second is for the Hot Springs Chute Out, at the Fairgrounds on August 24, 2024, from 3 pm to 11 pm. Fair board permission was received.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: GAIL SCHENCK - FIREWORKS COM-PLAINT: Mrs. Schenck spoke of her distress about the intensity and length of time that fireworks were allowed on July 4th. Estenson noted the mayor and council would take her concerns into consideration when planning for next year.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: The following reports were available for review: police, engineering, streets and alleys, water, wastewater, sanitation and landfill.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Discussion ensued about 24-hour alcohol permits. Topics included late submissions, noncompliance options, and location requirements. There will be a work session before the next council meeting to further discuss options. At 7:25 pm, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to adjourn. The next Council meeting is August 20, 2024, at 7pm. BILLS: AFLAC, Insurance, \$363.12;

American Welding & Gas, Argon, Nitrogen & Rentals, \$533.85; BCN, Phone, \$114.66; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$53.50; Big Horn Circuit, Garnishment, \$783.03; Blue 360 Media, Books, \$371.28; Bomgaars, Deck Mower, \$1,999.99; Brenntag, Lime, \$10,227.92; Hannah Brooks, Travel, \$293.09; Carquest, Supplies \$1,143.57; Caselle, Support, Software \$804.00; Chamber of Commerce, Dues, \$5,000.00; Counter Strike, Uniforms, \$1,228.00; Cummins, Service, \$4,137.08; Discover, Postage, \$63.10; Energy Labs, Service, \$326.00; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$24,913.71; Grainger, Parts, \$153.45; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$840.00; Hasco, Grate, \$998.00; Hawkins, Rental, \$10.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$58.41; Holt Cat, Loader, \$338,850.00; Hopper Disposal, Tires, \$5,838.40; HSC Fire District, Contract, \$15,000.00; HSC Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HS Weed & Pest, Chemicals, \$1,439.85; HSC Treasurer, Fees, \$8.93; IR, Legal Ads, \$1,296.00; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$35,464.00; Jadeco, Service, \$1,611.47; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Justice Academy, Training, \$1,196.00; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400.00; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Cruz Mascorro, Service, \$800.00; Matthew Bender, Books, \$138.61; Motorola, Service, \$6,815.47; Murdoch Oil, Fuel, \$5,570.32; Napa, Parts, \$833.06; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$192.00; N-Ear, Supplies, \$779.93; Norco, CO2, \$23,740.51; Normont Equip., Emulsion, \$4,207.69; One Call, Fees, \$34.50; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$169.18; Pitney Bowes, Lease, \$163.83; Postmaster, Postage, \$639.95; Range, Service, \$556.00; RMIN, Dues, \$50.00; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$22,434.35; Staples, Supplies, \$426.92; Terwy, Utility Refund, \$106.10; The Office Shop, Lease, \$132.20; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$177.11; TOT General, Labor, \$6,850.00; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$84,288.75; Tractor & Equip, Parts, \$4,598.45; Traveling Computer Service, \$311.50; Tumbleweed, Propane, \$131.80; Unum, Insurance, \$112.92; USA Blue Book, Supplies, \$312.00; Veolia, Chemicals, \$12,866.28; Verizon, Phone, \$470.30; Visa, Supplies, \$4,258.12; VSP, Insurance, \$264.46; WAM, Dues, \$4,186.95; Wards Upholstery, Service, \$1,300.00; Workforce Services, Workers Comp & Unemployment, \$4,664.48; WY Gas, Service, \$323.42; WY Public Health, Fees, \$72.00; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$27,000.56; WY.Com, Service, \$1,345.00; WyoNet, Gmail; \$234.00; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500.00; Payroll, \$104,058.78; Payroll Taxes, \$34,921.45. ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule,
Clerk/Treasurer

Adam R. Estenson,
Mayor

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Notice of Intent to Apply for Tax Deed

Pursuant to Wyoming Statute Title 39-13-108, I Kay Mayer, who on July 21, 2020 purchased at the Hot Springs County Tax Sale Certificate of Purchase I 276119, shall make application for Treasurers' Tax Deed on or after 29 November, 2024 for failure to redeem delinquent taxes for tax years 2019 through 2023. Tax Acct. Number 002761, Legal Description of Lands: East Thermopolis BLK4 LOTS 15-16 with an address of 211 East Broadway St, Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming, assessed in the Name of Owens, Lillie M., 212 East Broadway St, Thermopolis, WY 82443. Time for redemption will expire November 29, 2024. No special assessments were noted. Said Application for Tax Deed shall be made No Earlier than three (3) months 29 November 2024, and No Later Than five (5) months 29 January 2025 after the Date of final publication of this Notice.

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