

## NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPLY FOR TAX DEED

On July 20, 2021 Alexa Hanson purchased the following real property for 2020 delinquent taxes:

HWY 20 N  
44-94-07 FR NENE TOTAL  
ACRES 1.215797 ACRES

The property was taxed in the name of James A. Thompson.

There are no special assessments. The time for redemption will expire January 16, 2025.

Take notice that unless redemption is made on said real property, Alexa Hanson, holder of CP 088120, will apply for a tax deed on or after January 16, 2025.

This notice is pursuant to Wyoming Statutes 39-13-108.

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101, et seq., and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that the Commission will hold a Public Comment Hearing in Docket No. 20000-664-EM-24, Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP) Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism Application and Docket No. 20000-671-ER-24, RMP's 2024 General Rate Increase.

2. This Public Comment Hearing will be held on **Tuesday, October 29, 2024, in Casper, Wyoming at the Thyra Thomson State Office Building located at 444 W. Collins Dr., Roundhouse Conference Room # 3024, from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm.** It will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Commission's Rules.

3. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules, and subject to any applicable national, state or local public health related orders or directives. All interested persons may appear and be heard, in person, by video or telephone conference, or through counsel appearing in person or by video or telephone conference.

**Attend by Zoom Meeting and actively participate at:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9933449233>

**Attend by telephone and actively participate by dialing:**  
1-669-900-9128 or 1-253-215-8782 (Meeting ID: 993 344 9233)

4. If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-664-EM-24 or Docket No. 20000-671-ER-24 in your correspondence.

Dated: September 30, 2024.

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## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on October 1, 2024, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members 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. Council member Bill Malloy was absent.

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

**MINUTES:** Hughes made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the Council meeting minutes from September 3 and 17th and the two executive session minutes from September 17, 2024.

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

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: THERMOPOLIS-HOT SPRINGS CHAMBER: CHRISTMAS PARADE STREET CLOSURE REQUEST: MERI ANN DORMAN:** Hughes made a motion, seconded by Dorman Sr., to approve the street closure request for the lighted Christmas parade on December 7, 2024.

**CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: DEBRA DAVENPORT:** Davenport noted she would like to meet with the mayor about the accumulation of items at 117 Clark. Estenson noted he would schedule the meeting. Sam Khalsa also expressed concern about the property.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS:** The following reports were available for review: police, engineering, streets and alleys, water, wastewater, sanitation and landfill. Discussion ensued on updating ordinances.

**MAYOR & COUNCIL:** Jeunehomme noted he is still waiting on information for the flag pole, the basketball court project, at Family Park, is scheduled to begin this week and the new town website [www.thermopoliswy.gov](http://www.thermopoliswy.gov) will be live, tomorrow. At 7:23 pm, Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to adjourn. The next council meeting is September 17, 2024, at 7pm.

**BILLS:** AFLAC, Insurance, \$363.12; Ambiente, Pump, \$11,986.00; BCN, Phone, \$129.47; Big Horn Water, Rental, \$33.50; Big Horn Circuit Court, Garnishment, \$700.11; Blue to Gold, Training, \$1,465.00; Carquest, Supplies \$721.68; Caselle, Support, Software \$804.00; Communication Technologies, Service, \$968.20; Counter Strike, Protective Vest, \$1,171.99; Econo Sign, Signs, \$278.60; EForce, Software Fees, \$7,860.85; Energy Labs, Service, \$1,260.00; Engineering Assoc., Service, \$27,610.23; ERA, Supplies, \$159.72; Grainger, Parts, \$335.80; Great West Trust, Retirement, \$840.00; Hawkins, Rental, \$10.00; High Plains Power, Service, \$65.03; Hopper Disposal, Tires, \$13,032.00; HSC, Phone, \$46.20; HS Vet Clinic, Contract, \$955.00; HSCSD#1, Fuel, \$4,169.79; HSC Treasurer, Fees & Taxes, \$318.74; Idexx, Supplies, \$311.28; IR, Legal Ads, \$990.00; Insurance Trust, Premiums, \$37,448.00; Jadeco, VFD's & Service, \$38,258.55; Ron Jurovich, Service, \$900.00; Keller Law, Service, \$4,400.00; Kleen Pipe, Service, \$9,349.87; Laird Sanitation, Service, \$100.00; Legion Golf Club, Funding, \$12,500.00; Murdoch Oil, Diesel, \$2,615.45; Napa, Supplies, \$878.70; NCPERS, Life Ins., \$208.00; One Call, Fees, \$15.75; O'Reilly, Supplies, \$156.64; Pipestone Equip., Service, \$3,105.00; Postmaster, Postage, \$678.48; Professional Law Enforcement, Dues, \$1,374.00; Professional Software, Annual Fees, \$380.00; Range, Service, \$556.00; Rocky Mt. Power, Service, \$22,537.30; Seckman & Thomas, Audit, \$17,000.00; SW Equip., Parts, \$256.53; Staples, Supplies, \$289.65; Robert Stehlin, Service, \$411.00; Thermopolis Hardware, Supplies, \$149.63; Thermop PD, Supplies, \$5.15; Tony's TLC, Quarterly Parks Contract, \$9,000.00; TOT General, Labor & Fees, \$1,127.82; TOT, Depreciation & Utilities, \$81,124.75; Tractor & Equip, Labor & Parts, \$16,193.52; Traveling Computer, Software, \$40.00; Unum, Insurance, \$115.46; Verizon, Phone, \$471.41; Visa, Supplies, \$4,445.61; VSP, Insurance, \$310.34; Workforce Services, Workers Comp, \$3,625.65; WY Gas, Service, \$322.76; WY Retirement, Retirement, \$25,713.32; WY.Com, Service, \$25.00; Youth Alternatives, Services, \$500.00; Payroll, \$99,998.47; Payroll Taxes, \$32,296.48.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Adam R. Estenson,  
Clerk/Treasurer Mayor

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## COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in a special session on October 1, 2024, at 5:30pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members 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 Engineers Heath Overfield and Anthony Barnett and Town Attorney Marshall Keller. Council member Bill Malloy was absent.

**ADMINISTRATION: TRANSFER STATION- PRESENTATION:** Mayor Estenson reviewed a power point presentation. The presentation began with a brief history of solid waste in Thermopolis from 1996 to the present. The landfill opened in 1996, in 2007 DEQ began cease and transfer, in 2020 the town traded land for land closer to highway 20, in 2022 concerns were raised about Hwy

20 access, in 2023 a new administration began investigating alternative options and in 2024 the town council approved a purchase agreement for property on Hwy 120. If no action is taken, the landfill will close on July 1, 2025. Time is of the essence, as upcoming October 31, 2024 deadlines include landfill permit amendment revisions and the transfer station permit application.

The cease and transfer program was established to close municipal landfills and move to regional landfills. In recent legislation the legislature funded \$2 million for a transfer station and \$2.5 million for landfill closure, for the Town of Thermopolis. Other than the transfer station, State funding would allow for the purchase of large packer trucks, which would pick up trash in the alleys, then transport to another landfill. Other options without state funding include trying to permit additional landfill cells, seeking a waiver from lining cells, permitting a new landfill site, privatizing sanitation services and doing nothing.

Estenson reviewed prior and current transfer station locations. Many prior locations were excluded due to current DEQ requirements, including no permits for sites in a flood zone. The Hwy 20 (prior site) and Hwy 120 site were compared. The cost of the Hwy 120 site, with the land purchase will cost less to develop due to the availability of 3-phase power, other utilities and no turning lane construction.

Pictures of transfer stations at Saratoga and Powell were shown and discussed.

Current plans are for the Town to continue to operate a trash collection service, and to participate in the cease and transfer program with the Hwy 120 site. This will also allow for self-haul operations for county residents and will allow contract sanitation services to use the facility. The town plans to operate a transfer truck, which will haul from the transfer station to a landfill.

Decisions yet to be made include what landfill will receive the trash, the transfer station architectural design, landscaping, permitting a C&D operation at the current landfill, annexation of the transfer station into town limits, operating hours, county dump stations, compost and recycling.

Public comment included transfer station sites, with Cheyenne's being clean and easily accessible to one in California being smelly. The geology of the land under the current landfill, recycling in Riverton, the nearness to homes with the Hwy 120 site, the cost of the land, bore holes at the current site drilled by the prior bentonite company, the lack of smell downwind of the landfill, who voted for the purchase agreement (unanimous except for Bill Malloy who was absent for medical reasons) and if there was negotiation. Estenson noted the price was firm, but accommodations were made for more land and the configuration of land. A purchase agreement has been signed, but the sale has not yet been completed. Questions ensued about property values and Jeunehomme noted residential property values won't be affected. Jeunehomme again stated that if nothing is done, the landfill will close on July 1, 2025. Overfield noted when the state created the regional solid waste management plan in 2008, they made a list of all the landfills affected and the money that would need to be spent to correct the situation. After the lists were developed, there were 21 landfills ahead of the Town of Thermopolis for funding. Funding is currently available. Questions were asked about the areas set aside for steel, tires and wood, Estenson noted with a C&D permit, the plan is to use the landfill site. Additional discussion ensued on the vehicle approach to the Hwy 120 site and that the next meeting will be with the DEQ.

The meeting ended at 6:50pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Adam R. Estenson,  
Clerk/Treasurer Mayor

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## NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Pursuant to Section 16-6-116, Wyoming Statutes, 1982 republished edition as amended, notice is hereby given to all interested parties that Hot Springs County Commissioners intend to make a final payment to Rawhide Mechanical, Inc., P.O. Box 806, Cody, Wyoming, for the Hot Springs County Detention Center Plumbing in Thermopolis, Wyoming. This project is being accepted subject to any items remaining to be done by the contractor, pursuant to the Notice of Substantial Completion and attachments thereto. Any person who asserts a claim or lien upon this project who, for any reason, protests final settlement and payment to the contractor shall make such protest in writing, addressed to Hot Springs County Commissioners, 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443 and must deliver

said protest on or before the date provided for final payment. The contractor, Rawhide Mechanical, Inc., Cody, Wyoming, is entitled to final settlement upon the 41st day, after the first publication of this notice. Hot Springs County will pay to Rawhide Mechanical, Inc., Cody, Wyoming the full amount due under the contract for all completed work, less only such amount as is necessary to cover pending claims, repairs and/or unfinished work. This notice does not relieve Rawhide Mechanical, Inc., Cody, Wyoming and the sureties on its bond from any claims for work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in execution of the contract.

Hot Springs County  
Commissioners

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No. 1733

## 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) for authority to reduce the Carbon Capture Compliance Charge (Schedule 198) from 0.30% to 0.12% per month, and find that the costs incurred from 2022 through August 2024, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §§ 37-18-101 and 37-18-102, and the Commission's rules regarding low-carbon portfolio standards (collectively, HB 200 requirements) were prudently incurred.

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. RMP is a public utility subject to the Commission's jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§37-1-101(a)(vi) (C) and 37-2-112.

2. On October 1, 2024, RMP filed an Application to reduce the Schedule 198 rate from 0.30% to 0.12% per month on an interim basis, beginning January 1, 2025. Schedule 198 is a balancing account mechanism that tracks incremental costs to comply with HB 200 requirements, and revenues collected through a monthly carbon capture compliance surcharge that is based on forecasted costs. RMP requests the decrease as the projected approximate \$1.0 million in annual revenue, in addition to the proposed Schedule 198 ending balance, would provide adequate revenue for future investigations into the economic and technical feasibility of carbon capture at Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4.

3. RMP states in its Application that Schedule 198 has collected \$3.139 million in revenue and \$556,103.33 in deferred costs, an over collection of \$2.68 million. RMP requests that costs incurred from January 2022 through August 2024 to comply with the HB 200 requirements, totaling approximately \$556,103.33, be found to be prudently incurred. These costs include consultant fees and internal travel expenses for developing and submitting the initial plan, the first update to the initial plan, and the final plan; conducting the Request for Proposals (RFP), and Request for Information (RFI) processes, review of the RFP results; and developing the Jim Bridger FEED study scope of work.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect it at the Commission's office or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17694).

5. Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before November 8, 2024. Any intervention request filed with the Commission 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. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20000-672-ET-24 in all correspondence with the Commission.

6. If you wish to intervene in this matter 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 the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

DATED: October 9, 2024

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