

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR A ) DOCKET NO. 20000-545-ET-18  
MODIFICATION OF AVOIDED COST ) (RECORD NO. 15133)  
METHODOLOGY AND REDUCED )  
CONTRACT TERM OF PURPA POWER )  
PURCHASE AGREEMENTS )

NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

(Issued June 13, 2019)

1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to modify the avoided cost methodology and reduce the contract term of its Public Utility Regulatory Policies Act (PURPA) Power Purchase Agreements (PPA) with Qualifying Facilities (QFs). The Office of Consumer Advocate, Rocky Mountain Coalition For Renewable Energy, Renewable Energy Coalition, Northern Laramie Range Alliance, Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers, VK Clean Energy Partners, LLP and Two Rivers Wind, LLC, have intervened in this matter. **The public hearing is set to commence on Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission’s hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.**

2. RMP is a public utility, as defined by Wyo. Stat. §37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), providing retail electric public utility service under certificates of public convenience and necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §37-2-112.

3. On November 2, 2018, the Company submitted an Application together with testimony and exhibits requesting authority to modify the avoided cost methodology and reduce the contract term of its PURPA PPAs with QFs. Specifically, RMP requests the Commission issue an order: [i] approving a reduction of the maximum contract term of prospective PPAs with QFs under the PURPA of 1978 to seven years; [ii] modifying the Partial Displacement Differential Revenue Requirement methodology the Company uses to set avoided costs under Wyoming Schedule 38; [iii] to use the PDDRR to set rates under Schedule 37; [iv] revising the on-peak and off-peak definitions in Schedule 37; and, [v] modifying both Schedules 37 and 38 to improve the pricing and PPA negotiation process.

4. According to RMP, the change to QF PPA term length and the avoided cost changes proposed by the Company in this Application are not mutually exclusive. Instead, they operate as a package that, if approved, will help ensure that the Company’s ratepayers do not pay more than the Company’s avoided costs, while still giving QFs a fair opportunity to finance their projects and sell power to the Company. The Commission’s ability to adjust the avoided cost methodology, and contract terms are the key tools FERC provided Wyoming to ensure that PURPA is implemented in a manner that remains just and reasonable, and in the public interest.

5. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules and Special Regulations. Interested persons may appear and be heard, either in person or through counsel, as provided by Commission Rule.

6. The Commission's hearings are open to all persons. 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. 20000-545-ET-18 (Record No. 15133) in your correspondence. If you wish to listen to the hearing scheduled in this matter go to <http://psc.wy.us> at the appropriate time and follow the instructions to connect to the hearing.

7. This *Notice and Order Setting Public Hearing* may be published without the caption and signature block as an official notice in this matter, which shall consist of paragraphs 1 through 6 hereof.

8. This *Notice and Order Setting Public Hearing* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 13, 2019.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



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