BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION) OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR) APPROVAL OF SCHEDULE 37 STANDARD) RATES FOR PURCHASES OF POWER) FROM QUALIFYING FACILITIES)

DOCKET NO. 20000-518-EA-17 (RECORD NO. 14736)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION (Issued June 16, 2017)

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company), for approval of Schedule 37, Standard Rates for Purchases of Power from Qualifying Facilities, as more fully described below:

1. RMP is a public utility as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) which provides 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 W.S. § 37-2-112.

2. On May 31, 2017, RMP submitted its application, together with testimony, exhibits and revised tariff sheets, requesting authority to revise its tariff Schedule 37, Standard Rates for Purchases of Power from Qualifying Facilities (QF). According to the Company the lower avoided cost reflected in this application is due to a March 31, 2017, Official Forward Price Curve that includes lower wholesale power and natural gas market prices. RMP's application also states it used the wind and solar integration costs, the capacity contributions for both wind and solar resources, and the resource sufficiency and deficiency periods that relate to capacity contribution costs consistent with the 2017 Integrated Resource Plan submitted April 4, 2017.

3. RMP's Avoided Cost study prepared in support of this application results in a proposed avoided cost price of \$31.48 MWh on a 20-year nominal levelized basis for a base load QF, which is a reduction of \$20.67 MWh from current rates. RMP's proposed avoided cost prices are \$25.64 MWh, \$29.65 MWh and \$31.51 MWh on a 20-year nominal levelized basis for a wind, fixed solar, and tracking solar QFs, respectively.

4. This is not a complete description of the application. Interested persons may inspect the application at Rocky Mountain Power's business offices throughout Wyoming and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours.

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 July 14, 2017. 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. 20000-518-EA-17 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: June 16, 2017.

- 7. Published notice in this matter shall consist of paragraphs 1 through 6 hereof.
- 8. This *Notice of Application* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 16, 2017.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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