

# WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

## *Open Meeting Agenda* Items for Commission Attention

**Thursday, March 1, 2018**  
**1:30 p.m.**

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### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Docket No. 10014-179-CK-17 (Record No. 14692). Powder River Energy Corporation's filing of wholesale electric supplier contracts. Commission to consider and act on filing and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Contract Filing (Petition)*. Michael Easley, Chief Executive Officer, to appear by telephone for the Company. Commission Staff: John Burbridge, Michelle Bohanan and Pam Temte. (See attached *Memo* dated February 12, 2018, and *Petition*.)
2. Docket No. 90000-134-XO-17 (Record No. 14915). Commission's Consideration on its own Motion of the Effect of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 on the Propriety of Rates Charged by Public Utilities and Telecommunications Companies Providing Service in Wyoming. Commission to receive and consider status update from Commission Staff and take such action as the public interest may require. Such action may include, but shall not be limited to, requiring the filing of preliminary assessments, action plans, and/or applications to revise rates. Commission Staff: Melissa Mizel, Luy Luong, Nathan Brennan, Michelle Bohanan, Rachel Meeker and Chris Petrie.
3. Docket No. 90000-113-XI-10 (Record No. 12650). Investigation by the Commission into the quality and reliability of essential telecommunications service provided by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC in its certificated territories in Wyoming;  
  
Docket No. 90000-122-XI-15 (Record No. 14056). Investigation by the Commission into the quality and reliability of essential telecommunications service provided by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC (CenturyLink) in Zones 2 and 3 of its Wheatland, Wyoming Exchange; and  
  
Docket No. 90000-128-XI-16 (Record No. 14475). Investigation by the Commission into the quality and reliability of essential telecommunications service provided by Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC in Zones 2 and 3 of the rural areas of Crook County, Wyoming.

Parties to appear and provide a report on the status of settlement negotiations. Ivan Williams, Counsel to appear for the Office of Consumer Advocate. Tre Hendricks, Senior Corporate Counsel to appear by telephone for CenturyLink QC. Commission Staff: Lori Brand, Chris Petrie, Melisa Mizel, Rachel Meeker, Shirley McCown and Tom Wilson. (No memo.)

4. Docket No. 70000-1644-TA-17 (Record No. 14742) Application of Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC for Determination that Basic Residential and Business Services Are Competitive throughout all of CenturyLink QC's Zone 2 and Zone 3 Service Areas. Commission to consider and act on *Joint Motion of CenturyLink, the Office of Consumer Advocate, AARP, and the Independent Telephone Companies to Suspend the Procedural Schedule, or in the Alternative to Modify the Schedule (Joint Motion)*. Lisa Anderl, Senior Corporate Counsel to appear by telephone for CenturyLink QC. Ivan Williams, Counsel to appear in person for the Office of Consumer Advocate. Liz Zerga, Counsel, to appear in person for the Independent Telephone Companies. Dale Cottam, Counsel, to appear by telephone for AARP Wyoming. Joe Baron, County Attorney, to appear by telephone for the Crook County Board of Commissioners. Commission Staff: Lori Brand, Rachel Meeker, Thomas Wilson and Nathan Brennan. (See attached *Joint Motion*.)

#### Upcoming Open Meetings:

- Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, March 15, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.
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1. Undocketed. Minutes for review from the Open Meetings on February 1 and 6, 2018, as prepared by Barbara Tomlinson. (See attached *Minutes*.)
2. Docket No. 30011-98-GK-18 (Record No. 14940). Black Hills Northwest Wyoming Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy's gas purchase contracts filing for year ending May 31, 2018. Commission to consider and act on contract filing and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Attachments B and C (Petition)*. Commission Staff: John Burbridge, Luy Luong and Pam Temte. (See attached *Memo* dated March 2, 2018, and *Petition*.)
3. Docket No. 30013-333-GP-18 (Record No. 14938). Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost increase of \$0.278 per Dth for Firm Residential, Firm General Service, Small Interruptible and Large Interruptible customers and an increase of \$0.279 per Dth for Optional Seasonal customers. Commission to consider and act on *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Gas Pricing Information (Petition)* filed on February 21, 2018. (See attached *Petition*.)
4. Docket No. 74732-1-TA-18 (Record No. 14949). Registration of Birch Communications, Inc., to provide Interexchange Telecommunications Service in Wyoming. Commission to consider acceptance of the registration for filing. Commission Staff: Katie Koski and Luy Luong. (See attached Informational Filing.)

## REGULAR AGENDA

1. Docket No: 20000-532-EA-18 (Record No. 14937). Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) for approval to expand the applicable section for Schedule 37 rates to include hydro projects with a design capacity up to 5 megawatts. Commission to consider and act on Application. Stacy Splittstoesser, Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, to appear in person, and Yvonne Hogle, Assistant General Counsel, to appear by telephone, for RMP. Commission Staff: Katie Koski, Morgan Fish and James Branscomb. (See attached *Memo* dated March 1, 2018.)
2. Docket No. 70253-1-TA-17 (Record No. 14902). Application of Birch Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications service in Wyoming. Commission to consider and act on Application. Michael Rosenthal, Counsel, to appear in person, and Sharyl Fowler, Manager – Regulatory Administration, to appear by telephone for Birch Communications, Inc. Commission Staff: Katie Koski and Luy Luong. (See attached *Memo* dated March 2, 2018.)
3. Undocketed: Notice of Rocky Mountain Power (*Notice*) regarding Proposed Expansion of the Existing 69 kV Sage Substation. Commission to consider issuance of written notification to Rocky Mountain Power indicating whether the expansion described in the *Notice* filed February 26, 2018 requires a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Daniel Solander, Senior Attorney, to appear by telephone, and Stacy Splittstoesser, Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, to appear in person, for the Company. Commission Staff: Chris Petrie (See attached *Memo* dated March 5, 2018 and *Notice*.)
4. Docket No: 20000-505-EC-16 (Record No. 14579). Amended Joint Complaint Filing by Trireme Energy Development II, LLC; Pryor Caves Wind Project LLC; Mud Springs Wind Project LLC; and Horse Thief Wind Project LLC against Rocky Mountain Power and PacifiCorp regarding the Avoided Cost Pricing for the Bowler Flats Wind Qualifying Facilities Power Purchase Agreements. Commission to consider and act on:
  - a. Rocky Mountain Power’s *Motion to Continue Hearing and Request for Scheduling Conference (Motion)* filed on February 12, 2018;
  - b. Trireme’s (f/k/a EverPower’s) *Limited Objection to Motion to Continue Hearing (Objection)* filed on February 20, 2018; and
  - c. Rocky Mountain Power’s *Reply in Support of its Motion to Continue Hearing and Request for Scheduling Conference (Reply)* filed on March 1, 2018.

Commission Staff: Katie Koski and Morgan Fish. (See attached *Motion, Objection and Reply*.)

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***Notice of Public Hearing***

**Tuesday, March 13, 2018**

**9:00 a.m.**

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Docket No. 20002-104-EA-17 (Record No. 14800): In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc., for Authority to Decrease Its Energy Cost Adjustment By \$0.0022 Per Kwh for the Period of September 1, 2017 through August, 31, 2018.

Commission to commence the public hearing in this matter in its hearing room at the Hansen Building at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The hearing will be preceded by an exhibit conference beginning at 8:30 a.m.

The Commission may conduct public deliberations and issue a decision upon conclusion of the hearing.

Staff Contact: Katie Koski, 307-777-7478 or [Katie.koski1@wyo.gov](mailto:Katie.koski1@wyo.gov)

***Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Company  
d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE)  
Integrated Resource Plan Update and  
Public Input Meeting  
Thursday, March 15, 2018  
9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.***

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Undocketed. Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE) to present information related to the anticipated update to its Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). Interested parties are encouraged to attend, participate in the discussion and provide input. Company representatives: Shirley Welte – VP of Wyoming Operations, Kyle White – VP of Regulatory, Jerrad Hammer – Director of Regulatory, Chris Kilpatrick – Director of Resource Planning, Eric Egge – Director of Generation Dispatch & Power Marketing, Amanda Thames – Resource Planning and Todd Brink – Legal.

This meeting will take place at the Commission's offices at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming. The Company's current IRP (Docket No. 20003-127-EA-13) is available through the Commission's website at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx>.

Please contact Chris Petrie or Melisa Mizel (307) 777-7427 for additional information.

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1. Docket No. 70253-1-TA-17 (Record No. 14902). Application of Birch Communications, Inc. for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to provide local exchange telecommunications service in Wyoming. Commission to consider and act on letter requesting confidential treatment of financial information filed on November 22, 2017 (*Letter Request*). Commission Staff: Katie Koski and Luy Luong. See attached *Letter Request*.)

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Docket No. 20000-524-EC-17 (Record No. 14836). Formal Complaint Filing by David Wilson against Rocky Mountain Power (RMP). Commission to receive an update from RMP and Mr. Wilson, and take such action as the public interest may require. Daniel E. Solander, Counsel, to appear by telephone for RMP; Mr. Wilson to appear by telephone. Commission Staff: Steve Mink, Kara Seveland and Perry McCollom. (No Memo.)
2. Docket No. 90000-126-XO-16 (Record No. 14378). In the matter of the study by the Commission on its own motion of statewide Wobbe indices. Commission to receive Staff presentation on quarterly reporting of Wobbe values by natural gas distribution utilities for the fourth quarter of 2017 and take such action as the public interest may require. Commission Staff: Chris Petrie, John Burbridge, Michelle Bohanan, Kara Seveland and Morgan Fish. (See attached *Memo* dated March 12, 2018.)

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- Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at 1:30 p.m.



# **WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

## ***Notice of Technical Conference***

**Monday, March 19, 2018**

**9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

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Undocketed. Nordic Ranches Water LLC Pre General Rate Case Technical Conference.

The Public Service Commission of Wyoming will host a technical conference on March 19, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to provide a forum for Nordic Ranches Water LLC to discuss its anticipated general rate case filing with Commission Staff, the Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate, Nordic Ranches property owners and other interested parties.

The technical conference will be held in the Commission's Hearing Room at the Hansen Building, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Contact John Burbridge at 307-777-7427 or [john.burbridge@wyo.gov](mailto:john.burbridge@wyo.gov)