

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Notice of Commission Activity

Thursday, May 12, 2016

9:00 a.m.

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Docket No. 90072-41-XO-16 (Record No. 14366): Determination of the funding requirement for the July 2016-June 2017 Wyoming Universal Service Fund (WUSF) program year; the WUSF distributions for qualifying telecommunication companies; and the corresponding WUSF assessment factor.

Commission to receive the Amended Report of the WUSF Fund Manager, comments and recommendations from interested parties and consider setting on an interim basis for the July 2016-June 2017 WUSF program year: the WUSF distributions for qualifying telecommunication companies and the corresponding WUSF assessment factor pursuant to Wyo. Stat. 37-15-501.

Hansen Building, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Hearing Room, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

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Open Meeting Agenda

Items for Commission Attention

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1. Undocketed: Open meeting minutes for review by the Commission for the regular open meetings of January 21 and 28, 2016 as prepared by Barbara Tomlinson. (*See attached Minutes.*)
2. Docket No: 20003-148-EP-16 (Record No. 14324). Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy for authority to pass on a power cost adjustment decrease of \$0.00214 per kWh for the period April 1, 2016 through March 31, 2017. Commission to consider issuance of a *Special Order Authorizing One Commissioner and/or Presiding Officer to Conduct Public Hearing*. Commission Staff: Lori Brand and Dave Walker. (No memo.)
3. Docket No. 30022-251-GK-15 (Record No. 14191). Confidential contract filing of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy f/k/a SourceGas Distribution LLC's gas purchase contracts for the Choice Gas Program year ending May 31, 2016, pursuant to W.S. §37-3-111 and Commission Rules Chapter 3 Sections 26 and 31. Commission to consider acceptance of contracts for filing and consider and act on *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Attachments B, C and D (Petition)*. Commission Staff: David Walker and John Burbridge. (See attached Cover Letter and *Petition* dated April 28, 2016.)
4. Docket No. 20004-115-ET-16 (Record No. 14348). Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for authority to revise avoided costs applicable under its Parallel Generation Rate 57. Commission to consider and act on *Revised Petition for Confidential Treatment (Petition)*. Commission Staff: Michelle Bohanan and John Burbridge. (See attached *Petition* dated April 15, 2016.)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Docket No. 20000-492-EA-16 (Record No. 14346). Application of Rocky Mountain Power to decrease current rates by \$2.7 million to recover deferred net power costs pursuant to Tariff Schedule 95 and to increase rates by \$50 thousand pursuant to Tariff Schedule 93. Commission to consider and act on Company's request for interim approval of rates. Stacey Splittstoesser to appear by telephone for the Company. Commission Staff: Steve Mink, Sara Miller, Morgan Kikendall, Michelle Bohanan and Kara Seveland. (See attached *Memo* dated May 6, 2016.)

2. Docket Nos. 20000-494-EA-16 & 10003-39-CA-16 (Record No. 14369). Application of Rocky Mountain Power for approval of its agreement with Garland Light and Power Company. Commission to consider and act on Application. Representatives to appear by telephone for the Company. Commission Staff: Steve Mink and Jess Bottom. (See attached *Memo* dated April 28, 2016.)

Upcoming Open Meetings:

Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 26, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 31, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Notice of Commission Activity

Tuesday, June 7, 2016

10:00 a.m.

On June 7, 2016, at 10:00 a.m., the Commission will hold a technical conference to discuss potential revisions to telecommunication companies' price schedules to comply with Commission Rules effective March 21, 2016. Commission staff will review and discuss Chapters 4 and 5 of the Commission Rules, as necessary, to assist telecommunication companies in identifying portions of their prices schedules that require updating.

Please RSVP to Meridith Bell, 307-777-5718, meridith.bell@wyo.gov, so that we can adequately prepare for the conference. Please contact Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, at lori.brand@wyo.gov or [307-777-5721](tel:307-777-5721) with any questions or comments.

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1. Undocketed: Open meeting minutes for review by the Commission for the regular open meeting of March 31 and April 5, 2016 as prepared by Barbara Tomlinson.
2. Docket No. 74722-1-TX-16 (Record No. 14340). Registration and Tariff Filing of Netcom Systems Group, LLC to provide Interexchange Reseller Telecommunications Services in Wyoming. Commission to consider acceptance of the Registration and Tariff Filing. Commission Staff: Lori L. Brand and Tom Wilson. (See attached Correspondence.)
3. Docket No. 74723-1-TX-16 (Record No. 14388). Registration and Tariff Filing of Wide Voice, LLC to provide Interexchange Reseller Telecommunications Services in Wyoming. Commission to consider acceptance of the Registration and Tariff Filing. Commission Staff: Lori L. Brand and Rachel Meeker. (See attached Correspondence.)
4. Docket Nos. 30003-69-GA-16; 30005-213-GA-16; 30011-94-GA-16 & 30022-267-GA-16 (Record No. 14363). Joint Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power; Black Hills Energy, a Division of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company; Black Hills Northwest Wyoming Gas Utility Company, LLC; and Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC for an Accounting Order to establish individual regulatory assets for the cost of compliance with the new Wobbe Index Rules. Commission to consider issuance of a *Special Order Authorizing One Commissioner and/or Presiding Officer to Conduct Public Hearing*. Commission Staff: Lori Brand and Michelle Bohanan. (No memo.)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Docket No. 10014-171-CK-16 (Record No. 14339). Contract filing for Powder River Energy Corporation and Robert Hepp for a contract of special service. Commission to consider acceptance of contract for filing. Company representatives to appear. Commission Staff: Sara Miller and Jess Bottom. (See attached *Memo* dated May 12, 2016.)
2. Docket No. 30010-151-GP-16 (Record No. 14386). Application of Questar Gas Company to pass on a wholesale gas cost decrease of \$0.29820 per decatherm for all firm retail rate classes. Commission to consider and act on Application. Austin Summers, Supervisor Regulatory Affairs, and Jenniffer Nelson Clark, Counsel, will participate by telephone for the Company. Commission Staff: Sara Miller and Marci Norby. (See attached *Memo* dated May 20, 2016.)
3. Docket No. 20003-149-EA-16 (Record No. 14326). Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy for a certificate of public convenience and necessity to construct and operate the King Ranch Electric Substation and related facilities in Laramie County, Wyoming. Commission to consider and act on application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Confidential Information (Petition)*. Chris Kilpatrick, Director of Resource Planning, Jack Whyatt, Manager of Special Project, and Douglas Law, Deputy General Counsel of Gas Utilities, to appear in person, with Jeff Kukla, Manager of Electrical Engineering, appearing by telephone for the Company. Commission Staff: John Burbridge, Dave Walker and Perry McCollom. (See attached *Memo* dated May 19, 2016, and *Petition*.)
4. Docket No. 30013-313-GP-16 (Record No. 14387). Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost increase of \$0.120 per Dth for residential, firm general service, and small and large interruptible customers, and an increase of \$0.115 per Dth for optional seasonal customers. Commission to consider and act on Application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Gas Pricing Information (Petition)*. Tamie Aberle to appear by telephone for the Company. Commission Staff: Steve Mink and Rachel Meeker. (See attached *Memo* dated May 20, 2016 and *Petition*.)
5. Docket Nos. 70011-45-TA-16 and 70014-35-TA-16 (Record No. 14364). Amended Joint Application of Tri County Telephone Association, Inc., and TCT West, Inc. to increase their local exchange rates to meet FCC requirements. Commission to consider and act on Amended Joint Application. Liz Zerga, Counsel, to appear in person on behalf of the Companies. Commission Staff: Lori L. Brand and Tom Wilson. (See attached *Memo* dated May 20, 2016.)
6. Docket No. 70003-173-TT-16 (Record No. 14328). Application of Century Tel of Wyoming, Inc., d/b/a CenturyLink (CenturyLink) to increase its Residential Local Exchange Rates to meet federal mandate. Commission to consider and act on Application. Kristin Lee, Regulatory-Legislative Affairs Director, to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Sara Miller and Tom Wilson. (See attached *Memo* dated May 20, 2016.)

7. Docket No. 90072-41-XO-16 (Record No. 14366). Determination of the funding requirement for the July 2016-June 2017 Wyoming Universal Service Fund (WUSF) program year; the WUSF distributions for qualifying telecommunication companies; and the corresponding WUSF assessment factor. Commission to receive presentation on an Amendment to the Amended Report of the WUSF Fund Manager and consider setting on an interim basis the WUSF distribution amount for United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink of the West for the July 2016-June 2017 WUSF Program Year. Commission Staff: Lori Brand, Melisa Mizel and Rachel Meeker. (No memo. See attached Amendment to the Amended Report issued May 20, 2016)

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1. Docket No. 10014-170-CK-16 (Record No. 14338). Contract filing for Powder River Energy Corporation and certain industrial customers. Commission to consider acceptance of contract for filing. Commission Staff: Sara Miller and Jess Bottom. (See attached *Memo* dated May 25, 2016.)

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Docket No. 70001-91-TT-16 (Record No. 14380). Tariff filing of Range Telephone Cooperative, Inc., to replace vacation service with number reserve service. Commission to consider and act on Application. Jason Hendricks, Chief Regulatory Officer for Range to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Lori Brand and Tom Wilson. (See attached *Memo* dated May 23, 2016.)
2. Docket No. 70015-93-TT-16 (Record No. 14379). Tariff filing of RT Communications, Inc., for authority to replace seasonal service with number reserve service. Commission to consider and act on Application, Jason Hendricks, Chief Regulatory Officer, to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Steve Mink and Thomas Wilson. (See attached *Memo* dated May 10, 2016.)
3. Docket No. 70007-74-TT-16 (Record No. 14377). Tariff filing of Dubois Telephone Exchange, Inc. to replace vacation service with number reserve service. Commission to consider and act on Application. Jason Hendricks, Counsel for Dubois to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Sara Miller and Rachel Meeker. (See attached *Memo* dated May 27, 2016.)*

4. Docket No. 70016-43-TA-16 (Record No. 14354). Application of Columbine Telephone Company d/b/a Silver Star Communications (f/k/a Teton Telecom) for authority to increase its residential local exchange rates to meet federal mandate. Commission to consider and act on Application. Michelle Motzkus, Legal and Regulatory Administrator, to appear by telephone for the Company. Commission Staff: Steve Mink and Thomas Wilson. (See attached *Memo* dated May 18, 2016.)
5. Docket No. 70006-103-TA-16 (Record No. 14355). Application of Silver Star Communications, Inc., for authority to increase its residential local exchange rates to meet federal mandate. Commission to consider and act on Application. Michelle Motzkus, Legal and Regulatory Administrator, to appear by telephone for the Company. Commission Staff: Steve Mink and Thomas Wilson. (See attached *Memo* dated May 18, 2016.)
6. Docket No. 70012-28-TT-16 (Record No. 14374). Application of Project Telephone Company to increase its residential local exchange rates to comply with federal requirements and to increase its business rates. Commission to consider and act on Application. Bruce Asay, Counsel, to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Sara Miller and Tom Wilson. (See attached *Memo* dated May 25, 2016.)
7. Docket No. 70010-14-TT-16 (Record No. 14360). Application of Golden West Telecommunications Cooperative, Inc., to increase its residential local exchange rates to comply with federal requirements. Commission to consider and act on Application. Bruce Asay, Counsel, to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Sara Miller and Tom Wilson. (See attached *Memo* dated May 25, 2016.)
8. Docket No. 30022-264-GA-16 (Record No. 14333). Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy f/k/a SourceGas Distribution LLC to revise the fuel and lost and unaccounted for (FL&U) gas percentages in the Casper, Gillette and Torrington divisions. Commission to consider and act on Application. Jerrad Hammer, Director Regulatory Services, to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Steve Mink and Thomas Wilson. (See attached *Memo* dated April 18, 2016.)
9. Docket No. 30022-268-GA-16 (Record No. 14371). Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE) f/k/a SourceGas Distribution LLC for a decrease in the distribution charges of \$0.0012 per therm for the Small General Service (SGS) customers and an increase in the distribution charges of \$0.0003 per therm for the Medium General Service (MGS) customers. Commission to consider and act on Application. Jerrad Hammer, Director Regulatory Services to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Sara Miller and Michelle Bohanan. (See attached *Memo* dated May 25, 2016.)
10. Docket No. 30022-272-GA-16 (Record No. 14385). Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy f/k/a SourceGas Distribution LLC for a decrease in the Revenue Adjustment Mechanism of \$0.0037 per therm for all customers in the Casper Division taking service under Rate Schedule RCG in the Wyoming service territory. Commission to consider and act on Application. Jerrad Hammer, Director – Regulatory Services, to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Lori Brand and Michelle Bohanan. (See attached *Memo* dated May 25, 2016.)

11. Docket No. 30022-269-GP-16 (Record No. 14382). Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy f/k/a SourceGas Distribution, LLC (Gillette Division), for authority to pass-on through its commodity balancing account a decrease of \$0.0116 per therm to its pass-on rate [Regulated Rate] customers. Commission to consider and act on application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Exhibit D and Exhibit G (Petition)*. Jerrad Hammer, Directory of Regulatory Services, to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Jess Bottom and John Burbridge. (See attached *Memo* dated May 25, 2016, and *Petition*.)
12. Docket No. 30022-270-GP-16 (Record No. 14383). Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy f/k/a SourceGas Distribution, LLC (Casper Division), for authority to pass-on through its commodity balancing account a decrease of \$0.0400 per therm to its pass-on rate [Regulated Rate] customers. Commission to consider and act on application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Exhibit D and Exhibit G (Petition)*. Jerrad Hammer, Directory of Regulatory Services, to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Michelle Bohanan and John Burbridge. (See attached *Memo* dated May 25, 2016, and *Petition*.)
13. Docket No. 30022-271-GP-16 (Record No. 14384). Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy f/k/a SourceGas Distribution, LLC (Torrington Division), for authority to pass-on through its commodity balancing account an increase of \$0.1123 per therm to its pass-on rate [Regulated Rate] customers. Commission to consider and act on application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Exhibit D and Exhibit G (Petition)*. Jerrad Hammer, Directory of Regulatory Services, to appear for the Company. Commission Staff: Kara Seveland and John Burbridge. (See attached *Memo* dated May 25, 2016, and *Petition*.)

****Item #3 was added to the Regular Agenda.***

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