

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting
Tuesday, April 17, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Chairman William F. Russell
Deputy Chair Kara Brighton Fornstrom
Commissioner Robin Sessions Cooley

Daniel Solander, Senior Attorney, Rocky Mountain Power (by telephone)
Frank Tomasini, Engineer, Rocky Mountain Power (by telephone)
David Wilson, Complainant against Rocky Mountain Power (by telephone)

Commission Staff: Perry McCollom, Steve Mink, John Burbridge, James Branscomb, Luy Luong, Michelle Bohanan

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Docket No. 20000-533-EC-18 (Record No. 14954). Complaint filing by VK Clean Energy Partners LLP against Rocky Mountain Power. Commission to consider issuance of a *Special Order Authorizing One Commissioner and/or Presiding Officer to Conduct Public Hearing*. Commission Staff: Steve Mink and Luy Luong. (No memo.)**
- 2. Docket No. 20004-129-EK-17 (Record No. 14939). Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.'s filing of Municipal Lighting Contract Forms. Commission to consider acceptance of forms for filing. Commission Staff: John Burbridge and Michelle Bohanan. (See attached *Memo* dated April 6, 2018.)**
- 3. Docket No. 50012-32-PT-17 (Record No. 14648). Application of Phillips 66 Pipeline LLC, for authority to cancel its Wyoming PSC Tariff Nos. 3.0 and 4.0.**
AND
Docket No. 50008-4-PT-17 (Record No. 14743). Application of Pioneer Pipe Line Company for authority to cancel its Refined Products Pipeline Tariff WPSC No. 12.0.

Steve Mink, Commission Counsel, recommended issuing the *Special Order* for item 1, acceptance of the forms for filing for item 2, and granting the *Petition* for item 3, all by *Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Docket No. 20000-524-EC-17 (Record No. 14836). Formal Complaint Filing by David Wilson against Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company). Commission to receive an update from RMP and Mr. Wilson, and take such action as the public interest may require.**

Frank Tomasini, Engineer for RMP, advised that the Company has continued to monitor David Wilson's residence and has not found anything that would be the cause of the problems experienced at the home. Chairman Russell asked whether the Company has done all it can to remedy Mr. Wilson's problem. Mr. Tomasini responded that the Company has done everything possible and Mr. Wilson agreed. Then Mr. Wilson advised that the distortion rate and voltage readings have been consistently lower. Chairman Russell asked Mr. Wilson if he was satisfied with the results and if he would like to dismiss his complaint against RMP. Mr. Wilson agreed that his complaint against RMP could be dismissed. He also stated there are new issues related to radio frequencies from cell towers and internet providers creating high magnetic fields preventing Mr. Wilson from living in his home. Mr. Wilson, responding to a question from Chairman Russell, said that he has tried contacting wireless and internet service providers in the area as well as the Federal Communications Commission, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, State Representatives and City Managers with no success. Chairman Russell suggested, while not under the Commission's jurisdiction, staff may be able to provide Mr. Wilson with a contact that could assist him. Steve Mink, Commission Counsel, recommended dismissal of the complaint by Order only, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

Prepared by: Sylvia Sanchez

Date of Next Open Meeting: Thursday, April 19, 2018

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on May 17, 2018.

Chairman William F. Russell

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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Thursday, April 19, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Chairman William F. Russell
Deputy Chair Kara Brighton Fornstrom
Commissioner Robin Sessions Cooley

Travis Jacobson, Regulatory Affairs Manager, Montana-Dakota Utilities
Co.

Commission Staff: John Burbridge, Rachel Meeker, Nathan Brennan

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Docket No. 30013-335-GP-18 (Record No. 14969). Application of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost decrease of \$0.378 per Dth for Firm Residential, Firm General Service, Small Interruptible and Large Interruptible customers, and a decrease of \$0.378 per Dth for Optional Seasonal customers. Commission to consider and act on Application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Gas Pricing Information (Petition)*.**

Rachel Meeker and Nathan Brennan, Commission Staff, provided a Technical *Memo* dated April 13, 2018. Travis Jacobson, Regulatory Affairs Manager for Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., provided a summary of the Application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment (Petition)*. John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the Application for use on or after May 1, 2018, and granting the *Petition*, both by *Notice* and *Order*, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

Prepared by: Sylvia Sanchez

Date of Next Open Meeting: Thursday, April 26, 2018

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on June 21, 2018.

Chairman William F. Russell

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting
Thursday, April 26, 2018
1:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Chairman William F. Russell
Deputy Chair Kara Brighton Fornstrom
Commissioner Robin Sessions Cooley

Meg McGill, Principal Analyst, Regulatory, Cheyenne Light Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE)
James Elliott, Manager Regulatory, BHE (by telephone)
Jana Smoot-White, Counsel, BHE (by telephone)
Bruce Asay, Associated Legal Group, LLC, Counsel for Town of Walden
Sherry Cure, Town Clerk, Town of Walden
Brian Heithoff, CEO and General Manager High West Energy
Lindsey Forepaugh, Chief Financial Officer, High West Energy

Commission Staff (CS): Steve Mink, James Branscomb, Pam Temte, John Burbridge, Luy Luong, Lori Brand, Michelle Bohanan and Nathan Brennan

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Docket No. 20000-528-EC-17 (Record No. 14898). Complaint of Dinosolar, LLC against Rocky Mountain Power (RMP). Commission to consider RMP's *Petition For Confidential Treatment and Protective Order (Petition)*.**

Chairman Russell introduced the consent item. Steve Mink, Commission Counsel, recommended granting the *Petition by Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Docket No. 30005-235-GP-18 (Record No. 14964). Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost decrease of \$1.1188 per dekatherm for firm and interruptible rate classes, effective May 1, 2018. Commission to consider and act on Application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Natural Gas Acquisition Strategy and Financial Forecasting and Gas Cost Invoices (Petition)*.** Pam Temte, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated April 20, 2018. Meg McGill, BHE's Principal Analyst, explained the requested change to the gas cost reconciled rate results in a decrease. She said the purpose of the request is to adjust for natural gas and commodity related costs. There were no questions. Steve Mink, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the Application for use on and after May 1, 2018 and granting the *Petition by Notice and Order*, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

2. **Docket No. 30011-99-GP-18 (Record No. 14965). Application of Black Hills Northwest Wyoming Gas Utility Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost decrease of \$1.2118 per Mcf effective May 1, 2018. Commission to consider and act on Application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Gas Cost Invoices (Petition)*.** Luy Luong, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated April 20, 2018. James Elliott, BHE's Manager of Regulatory, explained the Application is to reduce the gas cost adjustment charge. He said the decrease will be reflected as a credit on customer bills. There were no questions. John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the Application for use on and after May 1, 2018 and granting the *Petition*, by *Notice and Order*, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.
3. **Docket No. 30019-37-GP-18 (Record No. 14961). Application of the Town of Walden for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost increase of \$0.477 per dekatherm through its commodity balancing account. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Michelle Bohanan and Pam Temte, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated April 20, 2018. Bruce Asay, Town of Walden's Counsel, explained the Application is Walden's semi-annual gas purchase filing. Mr. Asay further explained Walden is requesting an increase because gas prices charged by its supplier, CIG Gas, have risen. There were no questions. John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the Application for use on and after May 1, 2018, by *Notice and Order*, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.
4. **Docket No. 10015-70-CS-18 (Record No. 14967). Application of High West Energy, Inc. requesting authority to borrow \$3,000,000 from CoBank, ACB. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Nathan Brennan and Luy Luong, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated April 20, 2018. Brian Heithoff, High West Energy's CEO, explained the Cooperative is requesting loan approval for the purpose of installing a new metering system. There were no questions. John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the Application by *Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2018

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on June 14, 2018.

Chairman William F. Russell