

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
1:30 p.m.

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

Dale Cottam, Bailey, Stock, Harmon, Cottam, LLP, Counsel for Ever Power Wind Holdings, Inc.; Pryor Caves Wind Project LLC; Mud Springs Wind Project LLC; and Horse Thief Wind Project LLC (Joint Complainants)
(by telephone)

Sam Meziani, Assistant General Counsel, Rocky Mountain Power (RMP)
(by telephone)

Jennifer Clark, Senior Corporate Counsel, Questar Gas Company (by telephone)

Austin Summers, Supervisor, Regulatory Affairs, Questar Gas Company
(by telephone)

Stacy Splittstoesser, Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, RMP

Daniel Solander, Senior Corporate Counsel, RMP (by telephone)

Tre Hendricks, Senior Corporate Counsel, CenturyLink (by telephone)

Commission Staff (CS): Katie Koski, Dave Walker, Morgan Fish, Jacob Kilmurray, Lori Brand and Luy Luong

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Docket No: 20000-505-EC-16 (Record No. 14579). Amended Joint Complaint filing of EverPower Wind Holdings, Inc.; Pryor Caves Wind Project LLC; Mud Springs Wind Project LLC; and Horse Thief Wind Project LLC (collectively the Joint Complainants) against Rocky Mountain Power and PacifiCorp regarding avoided cost pricing for the Bowler Flats Wind Qualifying Facilities Power Purchase Agreements. Commission to consider and act on *Joint Motion of all Parties to Stay Proceedings (Joint Motion)*.** Dale Cottam, Joint Complainants' Counsel, provided an overview of the *Joint Motion*, commenting that productive discussions have been ongoing and will continue through May. He said a suspension of all proceedings will help maintain a favorable environment for these discussions. Cottam stated the parties will report on progress to the Commission by the end of May. Katie Koski, Commission Counsel, expressed concern about the docket becoming stale and asked if the parties would object to a recommendation that the parties file a status report within six months after the order is issued. Cottam responded the parties had no objection to the proposed recommendation. Koski recommended granting the *Joint Motion*, and requiring the parties to file a status report within six months, by *Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

2. **Docket No. 30010-159-GA-16 (Record No. 14592). Application of Questar Gas Company for approval of its Meter Testing Program in compliance with the Revised Commission Rules and Regulations. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Dave Walker, Morgan Fish and Jacob Kilmurray, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated April 24, 2017. Jenniffer Clark, Questar's Senior Corporate Counsel, gave a brief statement about the application. Chairman Russell asked why it is being presented in a non-tariff format. Austin Summers, Questar's Supervisor - Regulatory, responded that a section of the tariff still had meter testing in it, but Questar thought it would be better to keep the program separate from the tariff. Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, noted that any changes to the program still need to be approved by the Commission. She recommended approval of the application to include posting the program on the company website to ensure it is accessible to public, by *Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

3. **Docket No: 20000-511-ET-17 (Record No. 14658). Application of Rocky Mountain Power for authority to revise Rule 12, Line Extensions. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Dave Walker and Morgan Fish, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated April 26, 2017. Stacy Splittstoesser, RMP's Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, stated RMP conducted its triennial review as required by its tariff and updated the line extension cost of service results based on the test period approved in the 2015 rate case. Splittstoesser confirmed that RMP plans to conduct a review every three years or if the cost of service is updated for any other reason. There were no further questions or comments. Lori Brand, 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.

4. **Docket No. 70003-186-TT-17 (Record No. 14676). Tariff Filing of CenturyTel of Wyoming d/b/a CenturyLink to revise its Access Service Tariff and *Petition for Confidential Treatment (Petition)*. Commission to consider and act on tariff filing and *Petition*.** Luy Luong, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated April 26, 2017. Tre Hendricks, CenturyLink's Senior Corporate Counsel, stated this application involves the same tariff filing approved by the Commission at its April 27, 2017, Open Meeting. He stated the new application changes the order cancellation date for certain access type services but does not impact rates. He confirmed CenturyLink will notify all customers the intrastate tariff will be changed to increase the cancellation time period from 30 to 60 days utilizing the same method as the previous filing. It was noted that last week's filing was to be noticed through the Commission's Govdelivery subscription email list. Chairman Russell stressed the need for consistency. Chairman Russell stated the Commission will use Govdelivery for this application but noted it is not setting a precedent by doing so. Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application 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.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Thursday, May 4, 2017

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on June 15, 2017.

Chairman William F. Russell

WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting
Tuesday, May 16, 2017
1:30 p.m.

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

Kelly Mendenhall, General Manager Regulatory Affairs, Dominion Questar Gas (DQG)
Jeff Bybee, Manager Wyoming Region for Distribution System, (DQG)
Abigail Thomas, Senior Engineer Systems, DQG
Jenniffer Nelson Clarke, Senior Corporate Counsel, DQG
Barrie McKay, Director of Customer Rates and Regulation, DQG
Todd Redmond, Operations Advisor, DQG

Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA): Bryce Freeman

Commission Staff (CS): Dave Walker, Marci Norby and Chris Petrie

CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Undocketed: Minutes for review from Open Meetings of April 6 and 27, 2017, as prepared by Barbara Tomlinson.**
2. **Docket No. 10020-59-CK-16 (Record No. 14596). Special Contract filing of High Plains Power, Inc. Commission to consider and act on contract filing.** Dave Walker, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated May 11, 2017.
3. **Docket No. 20003-154-EK-16 (Record No. 14612). Confidential Contract filing of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power d/b/a Black Hills Energy. Commission to consider and act on contract filing and *Petition for Confidential Treatment*.** Dave Walker, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated May 11, 2017.

Chairman Russell introduced the consent items. For Item #1, Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to approve the minutes as prepared. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred. For Items #2 and #3, Steve Mink, Commission Counsel, recommended acceptance of the contracts for filing and for Item #3, 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. **Undocketed: Commission to receive presentation from representatives of Dominion Questar Gas (DQG) concerning the results of an appliance survey recently conducted in the Company's Wyoming service territory, including potential means of improving appliance safety and efficiency, and take such action as the public interest may**

require. Barrie McKay, Director of Customer Rates and Regulation, provided a history of the appliance survey including Wobbe (gas quality) variations, concerns, the Green Sticker Program in Utah, the 2007 study and recommendations for a follow up study. He said Questar's follow up study is complete. Abigail Thomas, Senior Systems Engineer provided an overview of the appliance study. Jeff Bybee, Manager Wyoming Region Distribution System, said DQG found there are issues with the majority of all appliance installations because appliances are set for operation at sea level not for operation at altitude. Thomas stated the study resulted the following recommendations: 1) to improve communications for inspections; 2) to share best practices; and 3) to consider providing incentives to homeowners to encourage appliance inspections. She said the Company is considering restarting its Green Sticker Program, meeting with contractors to discuss appliance issues, and proposing legislation requiring state certification for contractors. Bryce Freeman, OCA, asked if DQG has done any public service announcements regarding appliance safety. McKay responded they had not done so. Thomas noted incorrect adjustment of an appliance is a safety issue and said DQG has a free phone app for download addressing appliance safety and inspections. She said customers are urged to look at the resulting efficiencies of good appliance adjustment and inspections. Bybee explained he has begun conversations with some of the contractors to get them on board with inspections and that many of the contractors are in favor of a state certification as it is a way to increase business. McKay concluded this is just a start and more can and will be done to alleviate the problem of improper appliance inspection and adjustment. No action by the Commission was required.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Tuesday, May 30, 2017

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on June 29, 2017.

Chairman William F. Russell