

# **WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Minutes of Special Open Meeting  
Thursday, October 12, 2017  
3:30 p.m.

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

Kristen Lee, Regulatory-Legislative Affairs Director, CenturyLink  
Liz Zerga, Jubin and Zerga, LLC, Counsel, Range Companies  
Dave Barry, Network Operations Manager, Advanced Communications  
Technology Inc.  
Steve Keefer, Plant Manager, RT Communications  
Greg Hansen, Manager of Operations-Casper Field Ops, Rocky Mountain  
Power  
Jim Lotso, Chief of Police, Gillette  
Joey Williams, Campbell County Sheriff's Department  
David King, Campbell County Emergency Planning Director  
Larry Majerus, Office of Homeland Security  
Jim Bolinger, Director of Operations, Rocky Mountain Power  
Colin Wakefield, Executive Director of One Call

Commission Staff (CS): Chris Petrie, Perry McCollom, and Rachel Meeker

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

- 1. Undocketed: Commission to receive report from representatives of Advanced Communications Technology, Inc. (ACT), RT Communications, Inc. (RT) and CenturyLink concerning damage to underground communications facilities that occurred in Natrona County on July 20, 2017, resulting in the interruption of telecommunications services in Gillette, Wyoming and elsewhere.**

Chris Petrie, Commission Chief Counsel, stated that on July 20, 2017, Rachel Meeker, Commission Staff, received a telephone call from a private party that had been on a conference call in Gillette, when the call disconnected. Ms. Meeker contacted Kristin Lee, Regulatory-Legislative Affairs Director for CenturyLink and was able to determine that cell service providers were reporting interruptions. Homeland Security received reports from 911 service providers with service interruptions due to damage 9 miles north of Casper. Dave Barry, Network Operations Manager for Range Communications, summarized what occurred on July 20, 2017. He stated he received a text message that indicated a possible fiber cut due to several critical alarms sounding on Range family transport equipment. Mr. Barry stated that ACT began to receive calls from wholesale customers with alarms. ACT Company Technicians inspected RT's lines with equipment tools to help troubleshoot the problem. ACT established a grid with RT to collaborate between the Companies. Mr. Barry stated that ACT sent a Notice of Activity via email at 10:45 a.m. to wholesale customers, advising services "had been interrupted" and CenturyLink technicians were in route, and that there was no estimated time for repairs to be completed. ACT's technician arrived at the Midwest office and tested fibers toward Casper. The technician discovered, 11 miles north of downtown Casper, a hole where the

fiber was cut. Mr. Barry stated that the technician observed an auger truck digging a hole. The technicians stayed onsite to determine the extent of repair needed. The locate technician spoke with the crew using the auger truck and discovered it was a Rocky Mountain Power crew who was unaware of the damage and did not complete a locate on the site they were digging. A backhoe arrived on site and began exposing the fiber and workers began repairing the damaged fiber. Mr. Barry stated that a decision was made earlier to restore CenturyLink fibers first for the emergency centers. At 6:45 p.m. all CenturyLink fibers and 911 services were restored. Mr. Barry noted that there were no locates called in from Rocky Mountain Power and they did not report damaging facilities. Mr. Barry stated that while 911 calls were not working, calls were rerouted over PSAP phone numbers for Range and ACT 911 service, but not for Sheridan County 911. Sheridan County 911 took time to decide what to do with calls not re-routing. Mr. Barry advised that Sheridan County 911 decided to route calls to Johnson County knowing that their services were available.

Mr. Barry advised that the fiber cut impacted 700 ACT customers, 911 and long distance services, and 1500 Range telephone customers. Mr. Barry stated that the cost for ACT is approximately \$16,000 and the Company is still in the process of discovering costs to customers that may not be known until the end of the year.

Steve Keefer, Plant Manager for RT Communications, stated that RT received a call with several critical alarms. A technician began to troubleshoot and try to locate the problem. At that time, 911 and long distance calls were down for 4,658 access lines. Mr. Keefer noted that there were no reports from One Call about damage. The RT technician met with the ACT technician at the damage site and saw an auger truck working. The technicians did not see any markings or flags indicating that a locate was completed. An RT Engineer on site spoke with the Rocky Mountain Power Construction Manager who indicated that no locates were called in and they were responsible for the cut. The FCC Network outage reporting site was accessed by RT and a copy of the outage report was filed with the Commission. Services were restored at 6:20 p.m. Mr. Keefer stated that RT spent \$62,000 for materials and labor making temporary and permanent repairs. Mr. Barry noted that this amount is final because RT does not handle agreements.

Liz Zerga, Counsel for the Range Family, stated that the fibers were in a conduit and were of significant size as this was a major transport route. Mr. Keefer stated that RT spoke with the Rocky Mountain Power supervisor and the crew onsite. RT then called in a locate before any repairs began. Ms. Lee stated that Qwest Corporation leases the route from ACT.

Ms. Lee stated that 2,900 customers were affected and CenturyLink started to notify via emails, auto phone calls and direct phone calls upon alarm notification at CenturyLink's alarm center. For Sheridan County 911 calls, only wireless callers were re-routed. Technicians were dispatched to complete 911 re-routes and were unable to go remotely. Transport teams confirmed which systems were down and then advised RT who was onsite. Ms. Lee stated that Mr. Johnson and Mr. Sako were in constant communication and that CenturyLink offered to send a crew, but it was deemed unnecessary. Ms. Lee stated that at 7:14 p.m. all re-routes were removed and that Sheridan County 911 was in total isolation. Ms. Lee advised that CenturyLink has not tallied a monetary loss yet. Ms. Lee stated that

for a time there was no land line access to 911 services in Gillette and at this time CenturyLink is unaware of any negative consequences.

Greg Hansen, Manager of Operations-Casper Field Ops for Rocky Mountain Power, stated that crews were working on a large WYDOT relocation project and that the Company did call in locates, but the crew foreman was not at the correct location. Instead the crew was at a location where there were no locates performed.

Jim Lotso, Chief of Police in Gillette, stated that the timeline provided by the Companies is different from what was experienced. Specifically, when cell phone 911 service was restored it was extremely sporadic until approximately 1:48 p.m. There were locations where cell service calls could reach 911 calls, but there was no blanket coverage. Some cell service providers had no coverage. Additionally, when landlines were re-routed it was approximately 3 hours before they were receiving any re-routed landline calls through Johnson County, which were relayed via a private 911 cell phone. Several landlines and cell phone lines were tested around Johnson County, which would get several disconnects or an inability to connect, so there was virtually no 911 services for approximately 3 hours. Mr. Lotso stated adverse impacts include at 2:08 p.m. a two-inch gas line was cut in Wright and they were unable to call 911 or an administrative line, so the person reporting the gas line cut drove to a Deputy's home to report. The Deputy then reported it via radio and officers had to go to the Company to report the gas cut to send crews to address the issue. Chief Lotso stated that there were also several fires that had to be relayed and otherwise dispatched. Chief Lotso stated that the airport had to cancel flights, and that it caused a total communications outage within their jurisdiction.

Joey Williams, Campbell County Sheriff's Department, stated that there was a total communications outage and the concern was when there is a transfer of calls to another PSAP, that PSAP may be unfamiliar with addresses in the area. David King, Campbell County Emergency Planning Director stated that one of the alternative messages released was to call the landline phone number for 911; however, this caused confusion because cell phone numbers calling to landlines received a message stating that this phone number was no longer in service.

Deputy Chair Fornstrom asked whether anyone received information as to when service would be restored. Chief Lotso stated they were told they were working on it, but no solid time estimates of restoration were provided. Mr. Williams stated they were receiving emails and one of the emails stated the cut was in Weston County. With no additional information or comments, the meeting was concluded.

Prepared by: Sylvia Sanchez

Date of Next Open Meeting: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on January 11, 2018.

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Chairman William F. Russell

# **WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting  
Tuesday, October 17, 2017  
1:30 p.m.

Commissioners: Deputy Chair Kara Brighton Fornstrom  
Commissioner Robin Sessions Cooley

Alan Stoinski, Manager of Energy Efficiency, Cheyenne Light, Fuel and  
Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE)  
James Elliott, Manager- Regulatory, BHE

Commission Staff: Lori Brand, Katie Koski, Michelle Bohanan, Kara  
Seveland, Morgan Fish, Luy Luong

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. **Undocketed: Minutes for review from Open Meetings of July 25 and August 22, 2017, as prepared by Sylvia Sanchez.**
2. **Docket Nos. 30009-60-GR-16 and 50051-2-PR-16 (Record No. 14566). Amended Application of Natural Gas Processing Co., through its division Wyoming Gas Company for a general rate increase of \$473,219 per annum, to amend its Rules and Regulations and to conform its tariffs to Commission Rules and Regulations effective March 21, 2016, and the Amended Application of Natural Gas Processing Co., through its divisions Wyoming Gas Company and NG Transmission for authority to transfer the utility assets of NG Transmission to Wyoming Gas Company, and for NG Transmission to discontinue utility service currently offered to the public. Commission to consider and act on Wyoming Gas Company's *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Certain Data Response and Exhibits (Petition)* filed on October 9, 2017.**

Deputy Chair Fornstrom introduced the consent items. For Item #1, Commissioner Cooley moved to approve the minutes as prepared. Deputy Chair Fornstrom seconded the motion. For Item #2, Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, recommended granting the *Petition* by *Order* only, effective immediately. Commissioner Cooley moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chair Fornstrom seconded the motion.

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. **Docket Nos. 20003-144-EA-15 and 30005-202-GA-15 (Record No. 14142). Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy for approval of Demand Side Management Program (DSM) changes for 2016-2018, tariffs and cost recovery mechanism. Commission to consider and act on Company's update to its DSM programs and notification of an unexpected customer demand and budget overrun for its electric Commercial/Industrial Prescriptive Program. James Elliott, Black Hills Energy's Manager of Regulatory, explained that the incentive portion of the DSM program is over budget, but the total commercial budget is still within budget. Mr. Elliott commented the incentive portion has seen considerable participation. Alan Stoinski, BHE's Manager of Energy Efficiency, commented that the prescriptive program is hard to**

gauge due to the lack of preapproval for the rebate, and customers applying for a rebate after installing the equipment. He said BHE maintains its rebates at \$20,000 per project per account at the Commission's recommendation and this has allowed the Company to stay within budget. Mr. Stoinski said that high participation in the rebate program was unexpected. Currently, there are ten applications waiting for approval with rebate amounts less than the \$20,000, but they were unforeseen and could cause the Company exceed the budget. Mr. Stoinski stated that the incentive program was halted upon the increased participation and the ability to apply was taken offline until the Company could appear before the Commission to explain the situation. Commissioner Cooley clarified that the Company is not here to change anything in the budget, but wanted to notify the Commission of its concerns. Mr. Stoinski stated he did not foresee going over budget in the next two to three months, as participation usually slows down, but that he wanted to inform the Commission where the Company was due to possibly reaching budget limits. In response to a question from the Deputy Chair about the categories, Mr. Stoinski explained "In process" means the application has been received and is under evaluation. "Committed" means the rebate has been approved by the processor and the funds are waiting to be paid out. He said some dollar amounts for rebate requests may be reduced. Mr. Stoinski stated the three year plan was already approved for 2016-2018, and he confirmed the Company will propose the same budget in 2018. He also responded to Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, that the program was only temporarily stalled, the application taken offline and the vendors contacted to explain the budget issue. Stoinski confirmed to Brand the program will be put back online following this meeting. Deputy Chair Fornstrom stated no action is required today and the Company should return to the Commission to request specific action, if necessary.

2. **Docket No. 30011-95-GT-16 (Record No. 14549). Tariff filing of Black Hills Northwest Wyoming Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy pursuant to revised Commission Rules and Regulations effective March 21, 2016. Commission to consider and act on tariff filing.** Marci Norby, Kara Seveland, Morgan Fish, Jess Bottom and Michelle Bohanan, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated October 11, 2017. James Elliott, BHE's Manager – Regulatory, presented the Company's revised tariffs and its position on the Staff Recommendations. Katie Koski, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the tariff filing with the following changes:

- Pts. 1 through 7 and 9 and 10 are adopted;
- Pt. 8 is adopted with a plan proposal to be submitted for filing within 60 days;
- All housekeeping items are adopted; and
- A compliance filing to be completed within 10 days from today's date.

She recommended all of the above by *Order* only, effective immediately. Commissioner Cooley moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chair Fornstrom seconded the motion.

3. **Docket No. 30003-72-GT-16 (Record No. 14569). Tariff filing of Black Hills Energy, a division of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company pursuant to revised Commission Rules and Regulations effective March 21, 2016. Commission to consider and act on tariff filing.** Marci Norby, Kara Seveland, Morgan Fish, Jess Bottom and Michelle Bohanan, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated October 11, 2017. James Elliott, BHE's Manager – Regulatory, presented the Company's revised tariffs and its position on

Staff Recommendations. Katie Koski, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the tariff filing with the following changes:

- Pts. 1 and 2 are adopted;
- Pt. 3 is adopted but the Company will include the language used for Black Hills Gas Distribution tariffs and will insert the language based on class;
- Pts. 4 through 9 are adopted;
- Pt. 10 will be delayed with a plan to be submitted for filing within 60 days in one joint docket for all of the Company's utilities and the Company to work with Commission Staff on the format and what is included within the plan;
- All housekeeping items are adopted; and
- A Compliance filing to be made within 10 days of today's date.

Ms. Koski recommended all of the above by *Order* only, effective immediately. Commissioner Cooley moved to act as recommended and Deputy Chair Fornstrom seconded the motion.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Thursday, October 19, 2017

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on January 11, 2018.

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Chairman William F. Russell

# **WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting  
Thursday, October 19, 2017  
1:30 p.m.

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

Barrie McKay, Director, Customer Rates and Regulations, Questar Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Wyoming (Dominion) (by telephone)  
Brady Rasmussen, Vice President and General Manager, Dominion (by telephone)  
Paul Jibson, Manager of Joint Operations and Regulatory Affairs, Dominion (by telephone)  
Don Smith, General Manager, Wheatland Rural Electric Association  
Rhonda Apodaca, Office and Financial Manager, Wheatland Rural Electric Association  
Jason Wright, Operations Manager, Wheatland Rural Electric Association

Commission Staff (CS): Lori Brand, John Burbridge, Marci Norby, Luy Luong, Kara Seveland, Morgan Fish, and Michelle Bohanan

## **REGULAR AGENDA**

1. Docket No. 30010-123-GA-12 (Record 13347). **Application of Questar Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Wyoming (Dominion) for approval of the Wexpro II Agreement. Commission to consider and act on the Company's Wexpro Base Rate of Return spreadsheets and supporting documentation for the period August 1, 2016, through July 31, 2017.** Marci Norby, CS, provided a technical *Memo* with attachments dated October 3, 2017. Paul Jibson, Dominion's Manager of Joint Operations and Regulatory Affairs, explained the base rate of return calculation for Wexpro for the period August 1, 2016, to July 31, 2017, is 11.51% and consists of the original 20 companies that made up the composite index from the Wexpro I Agreement, along with the replacement index companies from a rate case resulting in a black box settlement. Mr. Jibson stated the calculation for the base rate of return was calculated in accordance of the Guideline Letter of 1992. There were no questions or comments. Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, recommended issuance of a letter concurring with the calculation, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.
2. **Docket No. 10005-47-CT-16 (Record No. 14588). Tariff filing of Wheatland Rural Electric Association (Wheatland REA), pursuant to revised Commission Rules and Regulations effective March 21, 2016. Commission to consider and act on tariff filing.** Marci Norby, Kara Seveland, Morgan Fish, and Michelle Bohanan, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated October 13, 2017. Don Smith, Wheatland REA's General Manager, presented a revised tariff and the Association's position on Staff Recommendations. Katie Koski, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the tariff filing with the following changes agreed to by Wheatland REA:

- Pt. 1 is adopted and Wheatland REA will provide a summary of those costs to the Commission within 30 days;
- Pt. 2 is adopted and Wheatland REA will add the language “last business day of the week” with regard to the discontinuance of service and will continue to reference its website for company hours;
- Pt. 3 is not adopted due to relevance;
- Pt. 4 is adopted;
- Pt. 5 will be adopted and the a list of emergency contacts will be provided to the Commission within 30 days and submitted to the Commission each January and July thereafter to maintain compliance with the Commission’s Rules;
- All housekeeping items are adopted with the exception of Pt. 13 because there is no need to adopt;
- Pt. 6, which is found on Page 16 of the Commission Staff *Memo*, is adopted as written, regarding net metering report within 10 business days of any change to avoided cost and report back-up data of that avoided cost and any deviations; and
- A compliance filing to be made within 30 days of today’s date.

Ms. Koski recommended all of the above be approved by *Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom modified the recommendation in pt. 3 by clarifying pt. 3 was not adopted due to relevance and not an objection of the Company, and clarified pt. 13 in the housekeeping item was listed as pt. 13 and not pt. 14. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended with the modifications. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

Prepared by: Barbara Tomlinson

Date of Next Open Meeting: Tuesday, October 24, 2017.

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on December 28, 2017.

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Chairman William F. Russell

# WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting  
Tuesday, October 24, 2017  
1:30 p.m.

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

Joanne Kolb, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) (by telephone)  
Kenneth Ceagske, General Manager, Niobrara Electric Association

Commission Staff (CS): John Burbridge, Michelle Bohanan, Kara Seveland, Morgan Fish and Marci Norby

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Docket No. 74183-22-TA-17 (Record No. 14858). Notification of TTI National, Inc. requesting authority to cancel their interexchange registration and tariffs to do business in Wyoming, effective December 1, 2017. Commission to consider acceptance of the Notification for filing.**
2. **Docket No. 90000-130-XO-17 (Record No. 14691). The revision of Chapter 3, Section 33, of the Commission's Rules and Regulations regarding Integrated Resource Plans. Commission to consider and act on Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers' *Motion for Application for Admission Pro Hac Vice of Thorvald A. Nelson (Motion)*.**
3. **Docket No. 20000-519-EA-17 (Record No. 14780). Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) for an order approving nontraditional ratemaking related to wind repowering. Commission to consider and act on RMP's *Petition for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order (Petition)* filed on June 30, 2017.**
4. **Docket No. 20000-520-EA-17 (Record No. 14781). Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and nontraditional ratemaking for wind and transmission facilities. Commission to consider and act on RMP's *Petition for Confidential Treatment and Protective Order (Petition)* filed on June 30, 2017.**
5. **Docket Nos. 30009-60-GR-16 and 50051-2-PR-16 (Record No. 14566). Amended Application of Natural Gas Processing Co., through its division Wyoming Gas Company for a general rate increase of \$473,219 per annum, to amend its Rules and Regulations, and to conform its tariffs pursuant to Commission Rules and Regulations effective March 21, 2016, and the Amended Application of Natural Gas Processing Co., through its divisions Wyoming Gas Company and NG Transmission for authority to transfer the utility assets of NG Transmission to Wyoming Gas Company, and for NG Transmission to discontinue utility service currently offered to the public. Commission to consider and act on Wyoming Gas Company's *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Certain Data Response (Petition)* filed on October 17, 2017.**

Chairman Russell introduced the consent items. For Item #1, John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended acceptance of the notification for filing by *Order* only, effective immediately. For Items #2 through #5, Mr. Burbridge recommended granting the *Motion, Petitions* and issuing the *Protective Orders*, 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. 10014-184-CS-17 (Record No. 14833). Application of Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) for authority to borrow \$55,750,000 from the Federal Financing Bank and for authority to execute agreements to secure loan. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Michelle Bohanan, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated October 20, 2017. Joanne Kolb, PRECorp's Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, explained the request and commented the Company filed a revised exhibit which shows two different securities, an original and an alternate. 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.
  
2. **Docket No. 10008-46-CT-16 (Record No. 14603). Tariff filing of Niobrara Electric Association, Inc. pursuant to revised Commission Rules and Regulations effective March 21, 2016. Commission to consider and act on tariff filing.** Kara Seveland, Morgan Fish, Marci Norby and Michelle Bohanan, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated October 9, 2017. Ken Ceaglske, Niobrara's General Manager, presented its revised tariffs and position on Commission Staff's recommendations. John Burbridge, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the tariff filing with the following changes:
  - Pts. 1 through 9 (Pt. 9 was originally Pt. 8 of the housekeeping items on the Commission Staff recommendation sheet) are adopted;
  - Pt. 3 is not adopted;
  - All housekeeping items are adopted; and
  - A compliance filing is to be made within 10 days of today's date.

Mr. Burbridge recommended all of the above 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: Monday, October 30, 2017

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on January 11, 2018.

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Chairman William F. Russell

# WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Minutes of Regular Open Meeting  
Monday, October 30, 2017  
1:30 p.m.

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

Barrie McKay, Director of Customer Rates and Regulations, Questar Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Wyoming (Dominion)  
Austin Summers, Supervisor of Regulatory Affairs, Dominion  
Jenniffer Clark, Corporate Counsel, Dominion (by telephone)  
Bruce Asay, Associated Legal Group, LLC, Counsel for Town of Walden (Walden)  
Duke Behrens, Accountant, Walden  
Sherry Cure, Town Clerk, Walden (by telephone)  
Brandon L. Jensen, Budd-Falen Law Offices, LLC, Counsel for Peterson Outfitters, LLC

Commission Staff: Lori Brand, Katie Koski, Michelle Bohanan, Kara Seveland, Morgan Fish, Steve Mink, Luy Luong, John Burbridge, Marci Norby and Perry McCollom

## CONSENT AGENDA

1. **Docket Nos. 30009-60-GR-16 and 50051-2-PR-16 (Record No. 14566). Amended Application of Natural Gas Processing Co., through its division Wyoming Gas Company for a general rate increase of \$473,219 per annum, to amend its Rules and Regulations and to conform its tariffs to Commission Rules and Regulations effective March 21, 2016, and the Amended Application of Natural Gas Processing Co., through its divisions Wyoming Gas Company and NG Transmission for authority to transfer the utility assets of NG Transmission to Wyoming Gas Company, and for NG Transmission to discontinue utility service currently offered to the public. Commission to consider and act on Wyoming Gas Company's *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Certain Data Response (Petition)* filed on October 23, 2017.**

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. 30010-169-GP-17 (Record No. 14851). Application of Questar Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Wyoming for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost increase of \$0.28708 per dekatherm for all firm retail rate classes. Commission to consider and act on Application and *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Exhibit 1.13 to the Application. (Petition)*. Luy Luong, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated October 24, 2017. Austin Summers, Dominion's Supervisor of Regulatory Affairs,**

provided a summary of the application noting this will allow the true up of an under collected balance in the 191 account, resulting in an overall increase. This also includes adjustments due to the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) entered into in June 2017, that arose from the Overland Report. He said an audit of the Wexpro Operators Service fee led to a change in the fee in June and testimony from Barrie McKay, Dominion's Director of Customer Rates and Regulation, regarding this MOU supports the fee change. McKay provided a history of the Wexpro agreements. There were no questions. Steve Mink, 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.

2. **Docket No. 30010-171-GT-17 (Record No. 14853). Application of Questar Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Wyoming for authority to amortize its energy efficiency deferred account balance tariff. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Michelle Bohanan, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated October 23, 2017. Austin Summers, Dominion's Supervisor of Regulatory Affairs, stated this application is to amortize the energy efficiency deferred account balance resulting in a decrease. He said Commission Staff requested additional information to be filed and confirmed the Company will provide that information going forward. He also said a change to language on some tariff sheets to cancel an original page is necessary and will be handled with a compliance filing. There were no questions or comments. Katie Koski, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application for use on and after November 1, 2017, and that the Company be required to file in future applications: (1) the monthly GS volumes (actual and weather normalized) associated with the amortization of the energy efficiency deferred account balance; (2) information necessary to replicate the calculation of the carrying charge; and (3) the projected volumes by month that produce the overall GS customer test period volume, and that the Company file corrected tariff sheets within 10 days from today's date, 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. 30010-170-GT-17 (Record No. 14852). Application of Questar Gas Company d/b/a Dominion Energy Wyoming for authority to amortize its conservation enabling tariff balancing account. Commission to consider and act on Application.** Kara Seveland, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated October 25, 2017. Austin Summers, Dominion's Supervisor of Regulatory Affairs, explained this application will amortize the August 2017 under collected balance in the conservation enabling tariff balancing account, resulting in an increase. He said the Company acknowledges necessary changes still need to be made to the filed tariff sheets and the Company will handle the changes in a compliance filing. There were no questions. Katie Koski, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application for use on and after November 1, 2017 and, as a compliance filing, the Company submit corrected tariff sheets within 10 days, 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. 30019-36-GP-17 (Record No. 14854). Application of Town of Walden Gas for authority to pass on a wholesale gas cost decrease of \$0.922 per dekatherm**

**through its commodity balancing account. Commission to consider and act on Application, Petition for Expedited Treatment of Application and Petition for Confidential Treatment of Documents (Petitions).** Michelle Bohanan, CS, provided a technical *Memo* dated October 24, 2017. Bruce Asay, Counsel for the Town of Walden, explained this application will result in a decrease in rates due to a projected decrease in the cost of gas over the next six months. He said Walden will submit a compliance filing with the contracts Commission Staff has requested and will continue to address any inconsistencies. There were no questions. Katie Koski, Commission Counsel, recommended approval of the application for use on and after November 1, 2017, and as a compliance filing, the Company file its gas purchase contracts pursuant to Commission Rules and work with Commission Staff to determine the source of any remaining differences between the calculated revenue recovery and revenue reported from the billing system, and granting the *Petitions*, by *Notice and Order* only, effective immediately. Deputy Chair Fornstrom moved to act as recommended. Commissioner Cooley seconded the motion and Chairman Russell concurred.

5. **Docket No. 20000-520-EA-17 (Record No. 14781). Application of Rocky Mountain Power for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and nontraditional ratemaking for wind and transmission facilities. Commission to consider and act on Peterson Outfitters, LLC's Petition to Intervene (Petition) filed on October 23, 2017.** Brandon Jensen, Counsel for Peterson Outfitters, stated Peterson Outfitters owns private property in Carbon County that will be impacted by this proposed CPCN and seeks to protect its interests. Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, stated there is no filing in opposition from RMP and represented to the Commission that the Company informed her it does not object to the *Petition*, but wanted to appear to register its concern. Ms. Brand stated the Company had notice of the proceeding and thought Yvonne Hogle, Counsel for RMP, was to appear on behalf of RMP. Ms. Hogle was not present for the proceeding. Deputy Chair Fornstrom expressed concern that this intervention will affect the procedural schedule. Jensen stated Peterson Outfitters will abide by the Scheduling Order. There were no further questions or comments. Ms. Brand recommended granting the *Petition* by *Letter 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: Tuesday, November 7, 2017

ACCEPTED and APPROVED by the Commission on January 11, 2018.

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Chairman William F. Russell