

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) for authority to adjust its Small Power Production (SPP) rate, effective for 2017. The Cooperative's SPP rate and tariff, Wyoming PSC No. 8, Original Sheet Nos. 41–42, apply to customers who install facilities on their property for generating electric power—net metering customers and Qualifying Facilities. This revision is the result of a change to the avoided cost rates of PRECorp's wholesale supplier, Members 1<sup>st</sup> Power Cooperative (Members 1<sup>st</sup>). The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

PRECorp is a Class C member of Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin) and purchases all of its power requirements from Members 1<sup>st</sup> at Basin's applicable rates. Based on prior Commission approval, PRECorp's avoided cost is equal to Basin's published avoided cost. Basin's current avoided cost rate is \$0.0135 per kWh, which is mirrored in PRECorp's current SPP tariff. For 2017, Basin decreased its published avoided cost to \$0.0131 per kWh. Accordingly, PRECorp requested to adjust its SPP tariff to mirror the updated avoided cost.

The Commission approved the proposed avoided cost of \$0.0131 per kWh, but ordered PRECorp to adjust for transmission line losses in applying its avoided cost using loss factors of 3.44% for the transmission level losses and 1.5% for the loss factors associated in stepping up the customer-generated power to primary distribution level. Additionally, the Commission ordered in Docket No. 10014-176-CT-16 (Record No. 14562) that PRECorp address whether the currently applied methodology of using Basin's avoided cost as PRECorp's avoided cost for net metering customers is in accordance with law due to the possibility of PRECorp earning an excess margin on the purchase of energy.

PRECorp's Application is on file at the Commission's offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming and at the Company's offices. The Application is available for inspection by any interested person during regular business hours or online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before December 8, 2017. A proposed intervention or request for hearing must set forth the grounds under which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please mention Docket No. 10014-178-CT-17 (Record No. 14633) in your communications.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications-impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: November 8, 2017.