

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101, *et seq.*, and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice that Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp or the Company) filed an Application requesting a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct, own, operate and maintain 6.1 miles of an existing 69 kilovolt (kV) power line and related facilities approximately 10 miles west of Hulett, Wyoming.

PRECorp is a non-profit cooperative utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

PRECorp filed its Application on March 14, 2018, seeking a CPCN to rebuild approximately 6.1 miles of an existing 69 kV power line with a 556 aluminum-conductor steel-reinforced cable (ACSR) conductor in a mono-pole configuration and approximately 1.2 miles of 7.2 kV distribution line. Approximately 3.0 miles of the total 6.1 miles will include an underbuilt distribution power line circuit, and there will be 98 structures in all. The underbuilt distribution will allow PRECorp to retire the Baker Substation, a single phase 69/7.2 kV substation serving less than 500 kilovolt-amp (kVA) of load for 7 services. The existing 7 services will be converted to a 25kV and serviced by the underbuilt distribution. PRECorp states the re-build will result in no net increase of power line in the area and will be constructed to current standards and guidelines. The proposed project area is approximately 10 miles west of Hulett, Wyoming, and construction will occur on private and State lands in Crook County, Wyoming. Specifically, PRECorp proposes the project to take place on a tract of land located in Sections 16, 17 and 18 of Township 54 North Range 66 West and Sections 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Township 54 North Ranges 67 West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Crook County, Wyoming. PRECorp states the current land uses within the project area include residential areas, livestock grazing, hay production and industry development for oil drilling, electrical substations and a bentonite mine. PRECorp further states that all required easements were obtained. PRECorp plans to begin construction in June 2018 and complete construction in September 2018.

PRECorp estimates the cost of the proposed project at \$1,767,100, which includes labor materials and overhead costs. PRECorp will finance the project through a U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Utility Service loan. PRECorp states the proposed project is a line rebuild designed to support all rate classes in the northeast Crook County area. PRECorp does not discuss the future effect on customer base rates in its Application.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at PRECorp's offices in Sundance, Wyoming and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The Application may also be inspected online at: <http://psc.state.wy.us/>.

Anyone desiring to file a statement, public comment, protest, intervention petition, or request for a public hearing in this matter must file in writing with the Commission on or before

May 11, 2018. 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. 10014-190-CA-18 (Record No. 14957) in all correspondence.

If you wish to participate in this proceeding and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Public Service Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

Dated: April 13, 2018.