

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of High West Energy (High West or Cooperative) for authority to establish a surge protection rider and an advanced meter opt-out reading fee and to amend PSC Tariff No. 4 Rules and Regulations. The Commission's approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

On December 1, 2017, High West filed tariff sheets to make changes to its Wyoming PSC Tariff No. 4 Rules and Regulations. Specifically, the Cooperative proposed changes and/or additions to its Rules and Regulations for Sheet No. R8, Sheet No. R10, Sheet No. R59 and Sheet No. 18. These changes included changing the terms of the "short service fee," adding an "advanced meter opt-out fee," and adding a "surge protection rider."

High West proposed removing language from its "Short Service Fee," Sheet No. R8 by eliminating the term "*within 12 months.*" On Sheet No. R59, the "Short Service Fee," the description has been changed from "75% of the access charge times the number of months discontinued (under 12 months)" to "75% of the access charge for the first six months, \$126.00 after that. Minimum charge of \$50.00." High West also proposed to add a service option titled "Advanced Meter Opt-Out," in Original Sheet No. R10. The proposed Opt-Out meter reading fee is \$50.00.

Additionally, High West is authorized to offer an optional "Surge Protection" service to its members as lighting strikes are common in the Cooperative's service territory. The service can provide added protection and diminish voltage fluctuations, which can damage electronics. The costs will be borne by those members who voluntarily choose it and High West represents it will have no adverse effect on other members.

According to High West, the monthly fee for the Surge Protection is based on costs and is comparable to fees charged for similar service in other parts of the country. The proposed Tesco Surge Arresters will cost \$120.00 to install at High West's meter, or \$120.00 or \$287.00 at the members' electrical panel depending on the model. There are no additional costs associated with operating the surge protectors. High West states the surge protection service will require a minimum 2-year commitment to ensure the Cooperative will recover its costs.

High West's Application and Supplemental Application are on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at the Company's offices located in Pine Bluffs, Wyoming, and may be inspected by any interested person during regular business hours.

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 July 3, 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. 10015-69-CA-17 (Record No. 14908) 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: June 4, 2018.