

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requesting an Order authorizing a change in depreciation rates applicable to its depreciable electric property, as more fully described below:

RMP is a public utility, as defined in Wyo. Stat. §37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), providing retail electric public utility service under Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity issued by the Commission. RMP is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §37-2-112.

On September 11, 2018, RMP filed its Application with supporting testimony and exhibits requesting the Commission issue an order pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-122 authorizing the Company to change depreciation rates applicable to the Company's depreciable plant, effective January 1, 2021, consistent with the Company's updated depreciation study. The Depreciation Study identifies changes that have occurred since the Company's last depreciation study, measures the effect of the changes on the recovery of presently surviving capital, and revises the capital recovery rate. The Company last performed a depreciation study approximately five years ago. RMP's current depreciation rates were authorized by the Commission in Docket No. 20000-427-EA-13 (Record No. 13436).

RMP states the proposed depreciation rates would increase annual depreciation expense by approximately \$33.3 million on a Wyoming-allocated basis, based on projected plant balances as of December 31, 2020, and the inter-jurisdictional allocation methodology currently in effect, the 2017 Protocol approved in Docket Nos. 20000-486-EA-15 (Record No. 14304) and 20000-510-EA-17 (Record No. 14644). In addition, the proposed ending of excess reserve amortizations increases depreciation expense by approximately \$3.8 million on a Wyoming-allocated bases. Combined, the proposed changes would increase depreciation expense by approximately \$37.1 million on a Wyoming-allocated basis. RMP proposes to record the Depreciation Study recommendations on its books and records with calendar year 2021. The Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate has intervened in this matter. Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers has filed a *Petition to Intervene*.

This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. Interested persons may inspect the entire Application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The Application may also be reviewed on line at <http://www.pacificorp.com>.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before October 29, 2018. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or you wish to file a public comment, statement, or protest, 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. Please mention Docket No. 20000-539-EA-18 (Record No. 15095) in your communications.

Dated: September 28, 2018.