

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) approved the Application of Vista West Water Company (Vista West or the Company) for authority to pass on an increase of \$0.17 per 1,000 gallons in its water rate, effective for all usage on and after September 1, 2017. The Commission's approval of Vista West's rate changes is subject to notice, protest, intervention, refund, change, further investigation, opportunity for hearing and further order of the Commission.

On August 3, 2017, Vista West filed its Application requesting authority to pass on an increase of \$0.17 per 1,000 gallons in its water rate. The requested commodity charge increase includes a change to the Deferred Purchase Water Cost from (\$0.04) to \$0.07 per 1,000 gallons, and a change to the Purchased Water Cost from \$2.09 to \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons. The change of the Deferred Purchased Water Cost is due to an increase in the Company's commodity balancing account (CBA) due to the CBA being projected as under-collected by \$2,111.74 through the end of June 2017. The change to the Purchased Water Cost is due to an increase in Vista West's wholesale water service supplier's (City of Casper) rates and an adjustment to the 12-month average line loss. The City of Casper's wholesale rate increased to \$2.07, effective January 1, 2017, and there was a decrease in the average water line loss over the past 12 from 4.38% to 3.91%, which results in Vista West paying \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons to the City of Casper. Accordingly, Vista West requests an increase to its Total Commodity Charge in the amount of \$2.22 per 1,000 gallons (Purchased Water Cost of \$2.15 per 1,000 gallons + Deferred Purchased Water Cost of \$0.07 per 1,000 gallons). The result is a proposed Total Volumetric Commodity Charge of \$3.39 per 1,000 gallons, effective September 1, 2017.

For a typical customer using 4,972 gallons of water per month, the rate increase will result in a monthly bill increase of approximately \$0.85 or 1.72% per month or an approximate annual increase of \$10.20. Actual bills will vary with usage.

Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 26 allows a utility to pass on to its customers known or projected commodity cost increases or decreases on a dollar-for-dollar basis, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund.

Vista West's Application is on file at the Commission's offices, located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming. 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 November 27, 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. 80007-41-WP-17 (Record No. 14816) in your communications.

If you want 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: October 27, 2017.