

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER TO CANCEL ELECTRIC SERVICE SCHEDULE NO. 117- REFRIGERATOR RECYCLING PROGRAM)))))	DOCKET NO. 20000-490-ET-16 (RECORD NO. 14316)
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ORDER
(Issued April 12, 2016)

This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company), to cancel its Electric Service Schedule No. 117 – Refrigerator Recycling Program. The Commission, having reviewed the Application, its files regarding RMP, applicable Wyoming utility law, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, FINDS and CONCLUDES:

1. RMP is a public utility, as defined in W.S. § 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.

2. On January 28, 2016, the Company submitted an Application requesting authority to cancel its Electric Service Schedule No. 117 – Refrigerator Recycling Program (Program). The Program was suspended by Commission *Order* issued on January 21, 2016 in Docket No. 20000-485-ET-15 (Sub 485), because the Program vendor, JACO Environmental had gone out of business, and the Company needed time to research and evaluate alternative solutions. RMP stated that once it completed its evaluation of the Program, it would file an application with the Commission to either lift the suspension, or cancel the Program if it was determined to no longer be cost effective.

3. During its evaluation of the Program, the Company issued a competitive Request for Proposals (RFP) in the third quarter of 2015 for its Home Energy Savings program and included appliance recycling as part of the RFP. The Company conducted a cost-effectiveness analysis to determine if reinstituting the Program was just and reasonable and in the public interest, based on several factors. The cost-effectiveness analysis showed that the benefit/cost ratio is 0.37 when using the Total Resource Cost Test (TRC), well below the 1.00 needed to pass the TRC. Accordingly, given that the Program did not pass the TRC, the Company is requesting to cancel its Electric Service Schedule 117 – Refrigerator Recycling Program, effective April 15, 2016.

4. On January 29, 2016, the Commission issued a *Suspension Order* pursuant to W.S. § 37-3-106, suspending the effectiveness of the proposal for the initial six-month period provided for in the statute.

5. On February 3, 2016, the Commission issued a *Notice of Application* setting a deadline of March 3, 2016, for interested persons to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a public hearing. A public notice was published in newspapers in the Company’s service territory.

6. This matter was brought before the Commission pursuant to due notice for consideration at its March 31, 2016, open meeting. For RMP, Stacy Splittstoesser, Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, appeared in person, and Becky Eberle, Low Income Program Manager, Eli Morris, DSM Program Manager, Bill Cuomo, DSM Director; Mike Snow, DSM Regulatory Projects Manager; and Daniel Solander, Senior Attorney, participated by telephone. Splittstoesser provided a summary of the Application as generally described in paragraphs 2 and 3 above stating the Program was already temporarily suspended. The Company conducted a benefit-cost- analysis and determined that it was not just, reasonable and in the public interest to reinstitute the Program. She requested the Program be canceled.

7. Based on the Application, the facts and representations presented by RMP and the analysis and recommendations of Commission Staff, the Commission finds that the Company's benefit-cost- analysis demonstrates that continuation of the Program is not cost-effective or in the public interest. Therefore, the Commission concludes the Company has supported its request to cancel its Electric Service Schedule No. 117 – Refrigerator Recycling Program, effective April 15, 2016.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Commission action taken at the March 31, 2016, open meeting, Rocky Mountain Power's Application requesting authority to cancel its Electric Service Schedule No. 117 – Refrigerator Recycling Program, is approved, effective April 15, 2016.

2. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on April 12, 2016.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING



ALAN B. MINIER, Chairman



WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, Deputy Chairman



KARA BRIGHTON, Commissioner



Attest:



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