

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
 ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR )  
 AUTHORITY TO DECREASE CURRENT )  
 RATES BY \$15.7 MILLION TO REFUND )  
 DEFERRED NET POWER COSTS UNDER )  
 TARIFF SCHEDULE 95 ENERGY COST )  
 ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM AND TO )  
 DECREASE CURRENT RATES BY \$528 )  
 THOUSAND UNDER TARIFF SCHEDULE 93, )  
 REC AND SO2 REVENUE ADJUSTMENT )  
 MECHANISM )

Docket No. 20000-514-EA-17  
 (Record No. 14696)

SCHEDULING ORDER  
 (Issued June 16, 2017)

This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon its own motion, to establish a procedural schedule for the proceedings in the above-docketed matter.

The Commission, having reviewed its files in this matter, the parties' positions and comments at the scheduling conference, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, FINDS AND CONCLUDES:

1. A duly noticed scheduling conference was held on June 16, 2017. Participating in person were Lori Brand, Steve Mink, Michelle Bohanan, Kara Seveland, Morgan Fish, Rachel Meeker, and Randy Phetteplace, on behalf of the Commission Staff (Staff); Stacy Splittstoesser, Wyoming Regulatory Affairs Manager, appeared in person, and Yvonne Hogle, Assistant General Counsel with other Company representatives, appeared by telephone on behalf of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP); Abigail C. Briggerman, Counsel, appeared by telephone on behalf of Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers (WIEC). Chris Leger, Counsel, appeared in person on behalf of the Office of Consumer Advocate (OCA).

2. The following procedural schedule, agreed upon by the parties at the scheduling conference, is accordingly set (all times are Mountain Time):

Deadline for Intervenor to issue discovery on Applicant testimony. <b><i>All responses are due within 7 business days of receipt</i></b>	August 9, 2017
Deadline for Intervenor to pre-file direct testimony.	August 21, 2017 by 3:00 p.m.
Deadline for Applicant to file rebuttal testimony.	September 15, 2017, by 3:00 p.m.
Deadline to issue all discovery. <b><i>All responses are due within 7 calendar days of receipt. (See paragraph 4)</i></b>	October 20, 2017, by 3:00 p.m.
Deadline for all parties to exchange exhibits.	November 8, 2017
Deadline for parties to file any pre-hearing reports, pre-hearing motions, any objections to pre-filed testimony and exhibits. Deadline to file exhibits, and exhibit index. (see paragraphs 3 and 5)	November 13, 2017, by 3:00 p.m.

Pre-hearing Conference ( <i>see paragraph 5</i> )	November 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.
Exhibit Conference	November 28, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.
Public Hearing (3 days)	November 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m.

3. All pre-filed direct, rebuttal and cross-answer testimony, exhibits, exhibit indexes, and pre-hearing documents are to be filed electronically on the Commission’s Docket Management System (DMS) website at <http://dms.wyo.gov> and served on all parties on or before the deadline dates. Such filings and all attachments shall be uploaded in “searchable .pdf” format. If you are not clear on this process, contact the Commission’s IT staff for assistance at 307-777-7427. All pre-filed, rebuttal and cross-answer testimony shall be sworn and notarized. Exhibit indexes shall set forth the proper numbering of exhibits, consistent with the party’s presentation of witnesses. The exhibit indexes shall refer to numbered, labeled and bates stamped exhibits the party intends to offer into the record, including all pre-filed testimonies and exhibits that will be adopted by testifying witnesses. On November 13, 2017, by 3 p.m., the parties shall file 7 bound copies of their exhibits, exhibit index, together with an electronic version, as follows:

- a) Individually tabbed, consecutively bates stamped, and bound in a three ring binder (which shall not exceed 4 inches in width);
- b) All bates stamping will be located at the bottom, right hand corner of each document;
- c) If more than one binder is required, each binder shall be separately identified as Vol. I, Vol. II, etc., and shall show which exhibits are included therein;
- d) All binders shall include a binder cover sheet and spine label (if the binder includes confidential material please print the cover sheet, label, and all confidential materials on **yellow paper**);
- e) See the following examples for formatting exhibit tabs:

Applicant Company  
Exhibit 1 - Map

Applicant Company  
Vol. I, Exhibit 1

Applicant Company  
Vol. II, Exhibit 12

f) In the event the parties reach a stipulation and agreement, the stipulation shall be marked as Joint Exhibit A with stipulation testimony of the parties to follow as Joint Exhibits B, C, D, etc.

The Applicants shall include their “Application” filed on April 17, 2017, as Exhibit 1. All Sections attached to the Application shall be numbered by the Applicants as separate exhibits. **Each party shall provide an additional copy of its exhibit index and binder(s) containing all exhibits to the Court Reporter when the Hearing Officer accepts the exhibits into the record at the exhibit conference on November 28, 2017, at 8:30 a.m.**

For purposes of exhibit labeling, the following numbering system shall be used:

Party	Numbers
Applicant	1-99
Commission (Not a Party)	101-199
OCA	201-299
WIEC	301-399
Joint Party Exhibits	A-Z

4. All discovery shall be completed prior to the date of the pre-hearing conference. To the extent possible, parties should resolve discovery disputes among themselves. Failing in this, the parties shall bring disputed discovery matters immediately to the attention of the Commission as pleadings with any documentation reflecting the dispute. The moving party in any such discovery dispute must certify that it has in good faith conferred or attempted to confer with the party not making the disclosure in an effort to secure the disclosure without Commission action. The Commission waives any restriction on the number of discovery requests, but the parties retain the right to object if abuse of this waiver occurs. The parties are directed to be prepared to address the themes and topics mentioned in the public comments and customer complaints, if any, in pre-filed testimony and/or the public comment or full evidentiary hearings.

5. Prior to the Pre-Hearing Conference scheduled on November 15, 2017 at 10:00 a.m., the parties shall confer regarding stipulations to uncontroverted facts and the use of joint exhibits to avoid unnecessary duplication. At the Pre-Hearing Conference, each party, shall have thoroughly reviewed all proposed exhibits of the other parties and be prepared to acknowledge the specific exhibits to which they intend to object to and the specific exhibits to which they will stipulate to admission. By November 13, 2017, each party shall file with the Commission the following described pre-hearing report documents. ***The parties shall segregate the required information into separate documents: All parties file two business days prior.***

a) A current summary of the contention of the party entitled “*(Party name) Updated Summary of Contentions.*”

b) A summary of remaining issues of fact and law for determination by the Commission.

c) For each witness who will testify to matters not included in pre-filed testimony, a brief summary of the witness’s proposed testimony which specifies the issue(s) to which the testimony will be directed together with an estimation of the length of time it will take to present the party’s case.

d) A single, stipulated (by all parties) current summary of the uncontroverted and stipulated facts entitled, “Stipulated Summary of Uncontroverted Facts.” This item is to be filed jointly by all the parties rather than individually.

e) Its respective exhibit schedule setting forth the proper numbering of their exhibits, consistent with their presentation of their witnesses. The exhibit schedules shall refer to numbered and labeled exhibits the party intends to offer into the record, including all pre-filed testimonies and exhibits that will be adopted by testifying witnesses. Each party shall provide a copy of its respective exhibit schedules and a package containing all exhibits to be submitted to the Court Reporter when the Hearing Officer accepts the exhibits into the record at the Exhibit Conference on November 28, 2017.

6. No late-filed documents will be accepted for filing by the Commission without an accompanying motion for good cause shown by the party missing any deadline set forth in paragraph 2 above.

7. Parties not able to attend the Pre-Hearing Conference in person may participate by phone by dialing the Commission’s conference call phone number at 1-877-735-7186. Parties appearing by telephone are asked to contact Meridith Bell prior to the Pre-Hearing Conference at (307) 777-5718 or [meridith.bell@wyo.gov](mailto:meridith.bell@wyo.gov) to advise the Commission that they will be participating by phone or in person.

8. Any party that wishes to cease participation in this proceeding shall file a *Petition for Leave to Withdraw*, which shall include a statement or explanation describing the effect, if any, on the public interest and the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding of such party's withdrawal. Parties shall be permitted to withdraw only upon a showing that no material detriment to the public interest or the orderly and efficient conduct of the proceeding is likely to result therefrom.

9. The public hearing regarding the above captioned matter will commence November 28, 2017, at 9:00 a.m., at the Commission's offices located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

10. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 16, 2017.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Lori L. Brand". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

LORI L. BRAND, Assistant Secretary  
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