

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
HIGH PLAINS POWER, INC. FOR)	DOCKET NO. 10020-55-CA-15
AUTHORITY TO SELL TRANSMISSION)	(Record No. 14238)
RELATED FACILITIES TO TRI-STATE)	
GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION)	
ASSOCIATION, INC.)	

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
(Issued October 2, 2015)

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of High Plains Power, Inc. (High Plains or the Coop), for authority to sell transmission related facilities to Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State), as more fully described below.

1. On September 28, 2015, High Plains filed an Application requesting Commission approval of the sale of transmission facilities, easements, real property, common facilities and related contracts (collectively Substation/Transmission Facilities) to Tri-State.¹ High Plains is a member of Tri-State and purchases all of its power requirements through agreements and contracts with Tri-State. High Plains has contracted to sell the Substation /Transmission Facilities for \$474,657. The Substation/Transmission Facilities to be transferred are as follows: [i] Dutton Basin Substation; [ii] Ervay Basin Substation; [iii] Harris Bridge Substation; [iv] Jim Ready Substation; [v] Medicine Bow Substation; [vi] Pilot Butte Substation; [vii] Wind River Substation; [viii] Ervay Basin-Puttan Basin (Transmission Line); [ix] Jim Ready Tap (Transmission Line); and [x] Wind River Tap (Transmission Line). The Coop states in its Application that the sale of this property will have no material effect on the service of High Plains to its members, and will have no effect on any other utility in any respect. High Plains further states that the transfer of ownership of the Substation/Transmission Facilities will result in significant cost savings to it and its Member-Owners due to the anticipated need to purchase new transformers (due to age) in the near future. High Plains states there is significant cost savings to it and its Member-Owners due to ongoing maintenance/testing requirements much which High Plains must contract out.

2. This is not a complete description of the Application, which is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at the Coop's Riverton, Wyoming business office and may be inspected by any interested persons during regular business hours.

3. Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention, protest, or a request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, with the Commission on or before November 2, 2015. Any petitions filed shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing

¹ The Substation/Transmission Facilities are located in seven location and addressed in Schedule 4-1(i) of the Contract No. TS-10-HP01 Between Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc., and High Plains Power, Inc. For Transfer of Ownership of Transmissions Facilities.

as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 10020-55-CA-15.

4. If you wish to intervene in this matter and/or request a public hearing which you will attend and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711.

5. Published notice in this matter shall consist of paragraphs 1 through 4 hereof.

6. This *Notice of Application* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on October 2, 2015.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Lori L. Brand", written over a horizontal line.

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