BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) HIGH WEST ENERGY, INC. FOR APPROVAL) OF ITS PEAK ALERT LARGE POWER) SERVICE TARIFF)

DOCKET NO. 10015-81-CT-20 (RECORD NO. 15526)

<u>ORDER</u>

(Issued August 17, 2020)

This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon the Application of High West Energy, Inc. (High West or the Cooperative) for approval of its Large Power Peak Alert Demand Response Pilot Rate Tariff. The Commission, having reviewed the Application, its files regarding High West, applicable Wyoming utility law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, FINDS AND CONCLUDES:

1. High West is a public utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

2. On April 29, 2020, High West filed an Application requesting approval of its Large Power Peak Alert Demand Response Pilot Rate Tariff. High West seeks approval to implement a voluntary program intended to reduce the demand charges the Cooperative pays to its power supplier through rate incentives it provides members.

3. On May 29, 2020, the Commission noticed the Application. The notice period expired on June 26, 2020, without Commission receipt of statements, intervention petitions, protests or requests for hearing.

4. The Application came before the Commission pursuant to notice at its Open Meeting on August 6, 2020. Brian Heithoff, CEO/General Manager, and Lindsay Forepaugh, CFO, appeared for High West. Mr. Heithoff provided a summary of the Application, generally describing its proposed Large Power Peak Alert Demand Response Pilot Rate Tariff. Commission Staff recommended approval of the Application.

5. Based upon the Application, High West's representations, and the analysis and recommendations of Commission Staff, the Commission finds that High West's Application for its Large Power Peak Alert Demand Response Pilot Rate Tariff is in the public interest and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken on August 6, 2020, the Application of High West Energy, Inc. for approval of its Large Power Peak Alert Demand Response Pilot Rate Tariff is approved.

2. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE AND ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on August 17, 2020.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING



Attest:

MARY A. THRONE, Deputy Chair

MICHAEL M. ROBINSON, Commissioner

JOHN S. BURBRIDGE, Assistant Secretary