

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER FOR)
APPROVAL OF ITS CUSTOMER)
ALLOCATION AGREEMENT WITH HIGH)
WEST ENERGY)

Docket No. 20000-543-EA-18
(Record No. 15121)

ORDER

(Issued December 3, 2018)

This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP) for approval of its June 28, 2018, "Customer Allocation Agreement" (Agreement) with High West Energy (High West) and a Customer, as more fully described below, and for approval of its *Petition for Confidential Treatment (Petition)*.

The Commission, having reviewed the Application and Agreement, its files regarding RMP and High West, applicable Wyoming utility law, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, FINDS and CONCLUDES:

1. RMP and High West are public utilities as defined by Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

2. On October 26, 2018, RMP filed an Application seeking Commission approval of its Agreement with High West and a Customer specifying the terms and conditions under which RMP agreed to allow High West to serve the Customer's rural residential property in Albany County, Wyoming (Subject Property).

3. The Subject Property is located within RMP's service territory, but the Customer has requested electrical service to the Subject Property from High West due to the difference in distribution service extension cost between RMP and High West. RMP currently has in place a 7.6 kV line located approximately 0.2 miles away from the Subject Property. RMP has estimated the cost to extend distribution service to the Subject Property to be approximately \$27,273.00. High West currently has in place a 12.27 kV line located approximately 0.1 miles away from the Subject Property. High West has estimated the cost to extend distribution service facilities to the Subject Property to be \$2,300.00.

4. High West currently services the Customer's residence through an existing Customer Allocation Agreement that was approved by the Commission in Docket No. 20000-498-EC-16. High West's existing infrastructure largely contributes to its comparative advantage in servicing the Subject Property. If RMP were required to service the Subject Property in the instant docket, not only would the Customer be required to pay an amount almost twelve times higher than the estimate provided by High West, but the Customer would also be billed by two separate utilities.

5. RMP also filed a *Petition* pursuant to Commission Rule Chapter 2, Section 30, requesting the Commission deem Exhibit A to its Application as confidential. Specifically, RMP stated Exhibit A contains confidential customer contact information that could be misappropriated by parties for their commercial benefit and to RMP and its Customer's detriment, if disclosed.

6. RMP's Application and *Petition* came before the Commission for consideration pursuant to due notice at its Open Meeting on November 20, 2018. Daniel Solander, Senior Attorney, appeared by telephone on behalf of RMP. Lloyd Sisson, Engineering Manager, appeared in person for High West. Mr. Solander provided a summary of the Application, generally describing the information set forth in paragraphs 2 through 5 of this *Order*. Commission Staff recommended approval of the Application and granting the *Petition*.

7. Based on the Application, representations by RMP and the analysis and recommendations of Commission Staff, the Commission finds and concludes the Agreement and Application are in the public interest and should be approved. The Commission further finds and concludes RMP's *Petition* is generally consistent with the provisions of Commission Rule Chapter 2, Section 30, and should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken on November 20, 2018, Rocky Mountain Power's Application for approval of the Customer Allocation Agreement with High West Energy and the Customer is approved.

2. Rocky Mountain Power's *Petition for Confidential Treatment* is granted.

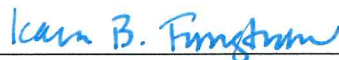
3. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on December 3, 2018.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING



WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, Chairman



KARA B. FORNSTROM, Deputy Chair



ROBIN SESSIONS COOLEY, Commissioner

ATTEST:



JOHN S. BURBRIDGE, Assistant Secretary