



photo by Mark Dykes

## Overseas fan

Marion Godley of Whitby, North Yorkshire, England visits with author Craig Johnson during a book signing on Tuesday, Sept. 25. Johnson's Longmire Mystery series is quite popular and people lined up to meet him and get their books signed.

# Precautions during flu season

by Cindy Glasson

As the weather gets chillier we start to think about the flu and what this year's season will bring. Should I get vaccinated?

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), recommends an annual flu shot for everyone six-months old and older.

This year, the vaccines have been updated to better match circulating viruses. Both the B/Victoria component and the influenza A(H3N2) component were updated to fit the strains the CDC expects to be most common.

Other strains the vaccine will fight against are the A/Michigan strain, A/Singapore and B/Colorado.

The nasal spray flu vaccine is again recommended this year as an option to the shot for non-pregnant individuals from two-years old through age 49.

Of course, there is a precaution against using the nasal spray vaccine for certain individuals who have underlying conditions.

Most vaccines are egg-derived, however, there are some cell-derived viruses that will be part of all the quadrivalent vaccines

this season.

If you have an allergy to eggs, it is recommended you get your shot from your doctor, public health or a hospital as they are better able to monitor any reaction you might have.

The CDC recommends folks get vaccinated now, before the flu starts spreading in your area since it takes about two weeks after the shot or nasal spray to be fully effective. That means by the end of October, everyone should get vaccinated.

You can wait until later in the year, even up until January, but by then, you have most probably come in contact with one or more strains and may have already had one bout of the virus.

There is no predicting how the flu season will go across the country, but it can start as early as October or November and even go as late as May. Peak times are generally between December and February.

The flu shot is your best defense against the flu, but if you should happen to come down with it, there are medications out there, you just need to make sure you get them within the first

48-hours of symptoms as that is when they are most effective.

If you do develop symptoms of flu, by all means, stay home from work or school to stop the spread of the virus. Be sure to wash your hands thoroughly throughout the day and try to stay away from others who may be ill.

People often wonder if there is going to be enough vaccine to go around, and although there are several companies who manufacture the vaccine, the CDC says they project between 163 million and 168 million doses will be available this flu season.

A flu shot clinic will be held on Wednesday, October 10, from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. by Hot Springs County Public Health. After that, vaccines available from 3-5 p.m. every day.

Public Health will have both children and adult vaccines available and will bill Medicare, Medicaid, BS/BS, First Choice, Cigna, CNIC and United Healthcare.

Hot Springs County Public Health can be found at 117 North 4th Street. If you have any questions, please feel free to give them a call at 864-3311.

# Once the cuffs are on

by Mark Dykes

In the course of our lives, some may have watched as people — whether they know them or not — have been placed in handcuffs, led into a police officer or deputy's vehicle and hauled off to jail. But what happens from there may not be as familiar.

Sergeant Detention Administrator Beth Price explained when suspects are arrested they are taken to a secure area along with the arresting officer. At that point, they are medically assessed and searched, even if the officer conducted a search prior.

Any property suspects have is then taken and they proceed through the booking process. Basic pertinent information is obtained, along with fingerprints and photos, before being taken to a cell. If suspects are intoxicated, Price noted, there is a detox cell in the jail where they are put until they register .000 on a breathalyzer, so their time in the cell can vary depending on the level of intoxication. After being released from the detox cell, they are put into general population.

Jail rosters are released daily, documenting any subjects taken in to the jail or released, as well as other pertinent information such as the arresting officer, crime for which they were arrested and where they are being held. While it's typical to see a number noting a cell or "detox" for where they are being held, recently rosters have also been listing "kitchen."

Price said this is something that hasn't happened before in her 26 years working at the jail. She explained that, counting the two holding cells, the jail can hold 32 prisoners, and has been averaging 29 prisoners for the past year to 18 months. At this time there is one subject who is being kept separate from other inmates so he is actually taking up two cells by himself. In another cell, the door is not locking properly so it's not being used; people are scheduled to look at the door.

Last Thursday, Price noted all of the cells full. That meant some cells, designed for holding two people, were used for three with one person sleeping on the floor. The pantry area of the kitchen was also utilized for two subjects who are also inmate workers in the kitchen. Price added the pantry is not a secure as the regular cells, though the workers are out and about most of the day anyway and in an area where staff can keep an eye on them.

It should be noted that the inmates housed in the pantry have since been moved to regular cells, and overall the population has dropped to 24, as opposed to 30 last Wednesday.

The jail has been hitting periods when there is absolutely no room left quite a bit lately, and at those times measures are taken if someone has to be booked, such as housing inmates three to a cell, putting more than one in a detox cell or using other areas. "The problem," she said, "is eventually we run out of secure areas to put them and that's not good."

Sometimes inmates can be moved to other counties if they have space, Price said, with Washakie and Fremont counties being used the most. Likewise, Hot Springs County's jail has also held prisoners from other counties.

There have been some discussions about expansion among the jail staff, such as how it might be possible; with the way the building is laid out vertical might be the only way to go.

Overpopulation isn't just an issue on the county level, as Price noted the state penitentiary is picking up what they can but often leaving inmates at the county jails. Inmates, she said, are even being moved out of the state.

As for the daily routine of the inmates, Price said from 11 p.m. until 6 a.m. they are locked in their cells, but outside those hours they are in the day room area where they have access to tables, showers, television and a phone.

They also have access to an exercise yard and an extensive library, she noted, and there are activities in the day room such as pictures to color, and cards and dice for games. Price said she works hard to keep the library up-to-date and interesting. She'd like to get something to help inmates get their GED, she said, but such materials aren't available here anymore.

People can also donate books to the library if they want, but they must be paperback and no magazines are allowed. "All they have to do is just bring them up here," Price said. "Give me a call or show up with them. We'll take them. We could also use someone that would like donated books as well. Sometimes I get three or four copies of the same book."

There are some exceptions to the rule, Price added. For instance, if someone were working on his or her journeyman plumber's license or doing something through a church they can certainly have that material as well.

People can also donate money to the inmates for use in the commissary for items such as food and clothing. "There's quite an assortment of stuff," Price said. "I try to change it up a little bit."

There are church services once per week, and there is allotted time for any clergy who want to come and visit. The jail also has allotted time for AA meetings. As for visiting, there are scheduled times twice per week, though inmate attorneys can visit any time they choose.

As for the meals people get while in jail, Price said the inmate workers put together the menus and do most of the cooking, though jail staff cook as well. A dietician has looked the menus over, and a health inspector makes regular visits to the jail. "We make sure that they're getting balanced meals," she said, adding people might eat better while in jail than they would otherwise. "They get pretty good food here."

An issue Price has seen come up is the medical. "We have not had a jail nurse or jail doctor in years. We have not been able to find a nurse or a doctor who is willing to come up here. . . I've tried everything I can possibly think of." She's gone through different agencies, but in the end it's much like a regular household. "If they need something, we're at the doctor's office."

"We don't go for every little thing, but at the same time we're not doctors. If you say you've got an earache we have to believe what you're telling us. We have to have that checked out. A lot of the time we have inmates that fake it, we even know they're faking it, but we can't take that chance."

Price said the inmates have been changing the past few years. "I've been here a real long time. It used to be we'd get your typical DUIs, somebody stole some tires or little burglary charges." Now, there are people who are committing higher-level felonies so the jail staff has to be more diligent. "With so many people here — we're averaging 29 or so — and we often work alone so you don't have somebody to watch your back or somebody to go for help if you need it. We need to be very careful how we deal with things here."

Price wants to have two people working all the time. "With this many people in here we really need that." She understand that budgets are tight nearly everywhere, but also pointed out that it's hard to find people who want to do this kind of work.

# Public notices

STATE OF WYOMING )  
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 ) ss. )  
COUNTY OF JUDICIAL ) FIFTH )  
HOT SPRINGS ) DISTRICT )

IN THE MATTER OF ) Probate No.  
THE ESTATE OF ) 18-23  
DONALD RAY BOLEN, )

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR DECREE FOR DISTRIBUTION

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that Kristen Bell Bolen, Lisa Jo Gorman, Leslie Culver, Jeremy R. Bolen and Nicole Helen Bolen filed an Application for Decree of Distribution on September 14, 2018, asking that the following described real property be set over to them from the Estate of Donald Ray Bolen:

Any and all mineral interests, mineral rights, and royalty interests of any kind owned by Donald Ray Bolen, in and to the following described real property:

Section 19, Township 46 North, Range 98 West of the 6th P.M., Hot Springs County, Wyoming

THE COURT shall consider this Application after November 6, 2018. Any person objecting to this Decree of Distribution shall file their objections by November 6, 2018 with the Park County Clerk of District Court.

DATED this 18 day of September, 2018.

/s/ Bill Simpson  
District Court Judge

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STATE OF ) OFFICE OF THE

WYOMING )  
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COUNTY OF ) THERMOPOLIS )  
HOT SPRINGS ) WYOMING )  
September 18, 2018

The Hot Springs Board of County Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, September 18, 2018, at 4:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Phillip Scheel, and John Lumley. Also present was County Clerk Nina Webber, County Attorney Jerry Williams, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was approved with the following changes: DELETE: Margie Molitor 3. SLIB Grant Application

**Assessor – Supplemental Tax Notices** – The following Supplemental Tax Notices have been processed through the Treasurer's Office: 1. Parcel #6907 for tax year 2018 (District 100) – Beasley, Clint & Beasley, Carrie – Assessment notice was inadvertently sent out with 0 value. The value was fixed for 2018 but resulted in underassessment of \$531, supplemental in the amount of **\$36.17**. 2. Parcel #6969 for tax year 2018 (District 101) – Higi SH, LLC – Rendition was turned in late after the appeal period, resulting in underassessment of \$435, supplemental in the amount of **\$33.11**.

**4-H Program Extension Educator Annual Agreement**

The Commissioners approved the annual 4-H/ Youth Program Extension Educator's agreement with the University of Wyoming to provide half of the Educator's annual salary in quarterly payments of \$6,168.00 for a total of \$24,672.00 during the time period 7/1/18-6/30/19.

The Commissioners will provide a letter of recommendation for UW Extension Range Management Educator Barton Stam to be included in his application for Extended Term Renewal of his position.

**Black Mountain Road Reconnaissance Report Decision Revision** – The September 4th motion awarding the BMR Reconnaissance Report to TO/GDA Engineers was rescinded by formal motion. An RFQ for the Reconnaissance Report project has been advertised with proposals due September 27th and a project award date of October 2, 2018.

**Public Hearing – Legion Town & Country Club Liquor License Renewal** – The Commissioners renewed the Legion Town & Country Club's liquor license for the time period of 10/6/18-10/5/19.

**Public Hearing – LLL Co. dba Quality Inn Liquor License Renewal** – The Commissioners renewed the Legion Town & Country Club's liquor license for the time period of 10/6/18-10/5/19.

**BLM RMP Implementation Concerns Correspondence** – The Commissioners approved a letter to Ryan Zinke, U.S. Secretary of the Interior, requesting that BLM lands designated as Lands with Wilderness Characteristics (LWC's) be re-inventoried, re-evaluated and the BLM RMP Record of Decision be modified to eliminate the LWC designation.

**Airport Lights Repair Discussion** – The Commissioners approved a proposal from Jadeco, Inc. to replace the threshold lighting system at the airport.

**Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Potential Amendment to Greater Sage Grouse Conservation & Management Plan** – The Commissioners approved an MOU between Hot Springs County and the BLM to establish a cooperating agency relationship between the two entities for the purpose of the Process to Potentially Amend BLM-Wyoming's Land Use Plans for Greater Sage Grouse Conservation and Management.

**Other Business – Authorize Advertising for the BHBDC Joint Powers Board** – The Commissioners authorized the Clerk to begin advertising immediately for the open position on the Big Horn Basin Nature & Discovery Center Joint Powers Board. Applications will be due on October 19th with appointment for the position to

be at the October 23rd meeting. **2019 Annual AWOS Maintenance Grant Application** – The Commissioners approved the grant application to WYDOT Aeronautics for AWOS and NavAid maintenance in the amount of \$5,769.75 for the period of November 1, 2018-September 30, 2019. **RFR #1 – 2018 NavAid Maintenance** – The Commissioners approved Request for Reimbursement #1 for grant AHSG05X – 2018 NavAid Maintenance in the amount of \$5,048.00. **Guardian Ad Litem MOU** – The Commissioners approved the Chairman's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Wyoming Guardian Ad Litem Program and Hot Springs County for the time period of July 1, 2018-June 30, 2020. **E-911 Upgrade Status Report** – The Commissioners approved a change order to purchase the new database solution from Data Masters in the amount of \$17,300.00, with funds to come from E-911 monies. **Change Order #1 – Fairbuilding Roof Insulation Project** – The Commissioners approved Change Order #1 for the Fairbuilding Roof Insulation Project in the amount of \$10,000.00 to cover the cost of painting all the steel roof beams and roof girders.

**Correspondence:** Fair Board Minutes – August, 2018; WDEQ – Comment Period Notification for Revision of DEQ Rules & Practices; WYTRANS Newsletter – August, 2018; Jared Little – Scholarship Thank You; Chamber of Commerce Newsletter – September, 2018; Pipeline Association for Public Awareness – Pipeline Awareness Newsletter; FAA – HSG-3-56-0043-010-2018 Change Order #1 Approval Letter

The Commissioners reviewed the foregoing correspondence. No further action was required.

**Adjourn** – The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Attest:

Thomas J. Ryan,  
Chairman

Nina Webber,  
Clerk to the Board

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**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

Default having occurred and all prerequisites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Kenneth Luke Kimes, a married person, as his sole and separate property, mortgagor, in favor of Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., acting solely as nominee for Pinnacle Bank – Wyoming, mortgagee, dated October 31, 2017, recorded October 31, 2017, in Micro Book 178, Page 850, in the Office of the Clerk of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, given to secure payment of a note in the original amount of One Hundred Six Thousand Sixty Dollars and 00/100 (\$106,060.00). Said note and mortgage were assigned to the Wyoming Community Development Authority by Assignment dated July 11, 2018, and recorded July 16, 2018, in Micro Book 181, Page 804, in the office of the clerk of Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The past amount due as of September 4, 2018, is Five Thousand One Hundred Ten Dollars and 76/100 (\$5,110.76), plus accruing interest, fees and costs, and the amount due as of September 4, 2018, is One Hundred Seven Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Three Dollars and 01/100 (\$107,843.01), plus accruing interest, fees and costs. Said mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of default the owner of the Note and Mortgage declares to have become operative and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued. Written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten days prior to the commencement of this publication. The property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale and any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting the bid.

Therefore, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the following described real property located in Hot Springs County, Wyoming, described as:

THE SOUTH HALF OF LOTS 10, 11 AND 12, BLOCK 46, ORIGINAL TOWNSITE TO THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

which has the address of 411 South 10th Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443, to be sold by public auction by the Sheriff to the highest bidder, for cash, at 11:00 a.m. on October 9, 2018, at the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse, 417 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443. The sale will take place only if a representative of the Wyoming Community Development Authority, or its agent, is present.

Wyoming Community Development Authority  
By: Thomas A. Valdez  
Chapman Valdez & Lansing  
125 West Second Street  
P.O. Box 2710  
Casper, WY 82602  
(307) 237 1983

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**FORECLOSURE SALE NOTICE**

WHEREAS, default in the payment of principal and interest has occurred under the terms of a promissory note ("Note") and real estate mortgage ("Mortgage") a Home Equity Conversion Mortgage (Reverse Mortgage). The Mortgage dated August 25, 2006, was executed and delivered by Neda Lee Nelson ("Mortgagor(s)") to Mountain Pacific Mortgage Company, as security for the Note of the same date, and said Mortgage was recorded on September 1, 2006, at Instrument No. 0468566 in Book 120, Page 554 in the records of the office of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the mortgage was assigned for value as follows:

To Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation on January 4, 2006, recorded on January 16, 2007, at Instrument No. 0470688 in Book 122, Page 959.

To Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), a Delaware Corporation, its successors or assigns, as nominee for Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC on December 20, 2009, recorded on January 5, 2010 at Instrument No. 0486858 in Book 139, Page 808.

To CIT Bank, N.A., its successors and assigns on March 29, 2018, recorded on April 23, 2018 at Instrument No. 0529889 in Book 180, Page 838.

To Mortgage Assets Management, LLC on August 24, 2018, recorded on August 31, 2018 at Instrument No. 0531748 in Book 182, Page 497.

All in the records of the County Clerk and ex-officio Register of Deeds in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming.

WHEREAS, the Mortgage contains a power of sale which by reason of said default, the Mortgagee declares to have become operative, and no suit or proceeding has been instituted at law to recover the debt secured by the Mortgage, or any part thereof, nor has any such suit or proceeding been instituted and the same discontinued; and

WHEREAS, written notice of intent to foreclose the Mortgage by advertisement and sale has been served upon the record owner and the party in possession of the mortgaged premises at least ten (10) days prior to the commencement of this publication, and the amount due upon the Mortgage on the date of first publication of this notice of sale being the total sum of \$131,842.84 which sum consists of the unpaid

principal balance of \$131,317.09 plus interest accrued to the date of the first publication of this notice in the amount of \$324.38, plus other costs in the amount of \$201.37, plus attorneys' fees, costs expended, and accruing interest and late charges after the date of first publication of this notice of sale;

WHEREAS, the property being foreclosed upon may be subject to other liens and encumbrances that will not be extinguished at the sale. Any prospective purchaser should research the status of title before submitting a bid;

NOW, THEREFORE Mortgage Assets Management, LLC, as the Mortgagee, will have the Mortgage foreclosed as by law provided by causing the mortgaged property to be sold at public venue by the Sheriff or Deputy Sheriff in and for Hot Springs County, Wyoming to the highest bidder for cash at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon on October 16, 2018 at the front door of the Hot Springs County Courthouse located at 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming, Hot Springs County, for application on the above-described amounts secured by the Mortgage, said mortgaged property being described as follows, to-wit:

LOTS 17 AND 18, IN BLOCK 9, BRYDON'S THIRD ADDITION TO THE TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

with an address of 828 Washakie Street Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

Together with all improvements thereon situate and all fixtures and appurtenances thereto.

Mortgage Assets Management, LLC  
By: Danette Baldacci  
Crowley Fleck PLLP  
P.O. Box 6550  
Sheridan, WY 82801  
1-844-280-7990

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**IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT**

SCOTT ALLEN )  
DOROTHY, )  
)  
Plaintiff, )  
)  
vs. )  
)  
SHEALENE KELLIE )  
DOROTHY, ) Civil No. C2018-30  
)  
Defendant. )

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE TO SHEALENE KELLIE DOROTHY, DEFENDANT

DEFENDANT'S CURRENT ADDRESS IS UNKNOWN

You are notified that a Complaint for Divorce, Civil Action No. C2018-30, has been filed in the Wyoming District Court for the Fifth Judicial District, whose address is Hot Springs County Courthouse, 415 Arapahoe, Thermopolis, WY 82443 seeking a dissolution of your marriage to Scott Allen Dorothy, in his favor.

Unless you file an Answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint referenced above within 20 days following the last date of publication of this notice, a default judgment will be taken against you and a Decree of Divorce will be granted.

DATED this 10th day of September, 2018.

BY CLERK OF COURT

/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Terri Cornella  
Clerk of District Court/Deputy  
/s/ \_\_\_\_\_  
Rose DeSeyn, Deputy

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**NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSE TRANSFER**

Notice is hereby given that on the 18th day of September 2018, Grand Cru Enterprises, LLC filed an application for a Retail Liquor License location transfer in the office of the Clerk of the Town of Thermopolis for the following building, a cinder block addition attached to a building at 735 S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street, and protests, if there be any, against the transfer of such license will be heard at the hour of 7:00 p.m. on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October 2018, in the Town Hall Council Chambers located at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Tracey Van Heule  
Town of Thermopolis  
Clerk/Treasurer

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**NOTICE OF ELECTION**

The Hot Springs County Clerk hereby gives notice of the following proposition that has been placed on the November 6, 2018 General Election Ballot.

**PROPOSITION NO. 1**

"Shall the Hot Springs County Commissioners impose a conservation district tax, not to exceed one (1) mill, on all assessed property within Hot

Springs County for the purpose of providing soil and water conservation and recycling programs directed by the Hot Springs Conservation District?" "If this proposition is approved the tax shall remain in effect until a petition to discontinue the tax, signed by not less than ten percent (10%) of the voters of the district, is received by the Board of County Commissioners, and the proposal to discontinue the tax is approved by the voters. The proposal to discontinue the tax shall be submitted to the voters of the district at the expense of the county at the next general election or by mail ballot pursuant to W.S. 22-29-115 and 22-29-116 for approval or disapproval."

Nina Webber  
Hot Springs County Clerk

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**U.S. Postal Service STATEMENT OF OWNERSHIP MANAGEMENT AND CIRCULATION**

The Thermopolis Independent Record, USPS Publication No. 627-300. Filed Sept. 27, 2018, for edition Sept. 20, 2018. Frequency of issue: Weekly. Number of issues published annually: 52. Annual subscription price: \$32. Address of publication and headquarters: P.O. Box 31, Thermopolis, WY 82443-0031.

Publisher: Lara Love, P.O. Box 31, Thermopolis, WY 82443-0031. Owners: J. Louis Mullen, 808 Woodman Dr., Buffalo, WY 82443; Jesse Mullen, 2740 Gaylord Ave., Dayton, OH 45419; Lloyd Mullen, 3710 Goldcrest HTS NW, Olympia, WA 98502; Thomas R. Mullen, P.O. Box 889, Sheridan, WY 82811.

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Online only subscriptions, 89.

I certify that the statements made by me above are correct and complete.

/s/ Lara Love  
Publisher

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to revise Rule 12, as more fully described below.

RMP 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.

RMP filed its Application on September 21, 2018, requesting authority to modify Rule 12 – Line Extension policy. RMP states when Section III of Rule 12 was developed, there were concerns about providing line extension allowances for large loads that could be speculative and transient in nature, which could harm other customers if the proposed load did not materialize or if the customer went out of business. RMP would like to revise Section III to read "Applicant loads of a speculative nature or of questionable permanency either in duration or size of load that exceed the Company's engineering guideline loading limits for one circuit at the local distribution voltage shall take delivery at the locally available transmission voltage (at or above 46,000 volts)."

RMP is requesting to revise Section III of Rule 12 due to an existing customer that is currently being provided electric service from RMP's 34.5 kV distribution system. The customer is undergoing an expansion that will increase its demand from 8 megawatts to approximately 31 megawatts. Under the existing Section III, the customer would be required to take delivery at the Company's transmission voltage (46 kV or above). The revision would allow RMP the flexibility to evaluate any future or existing customer's proposed load additions and provide a line extension allowance and service at the distribution level if the proposed load expansion is considered to be a stable and long-term load addition

to ensure other customers will not be harmed.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at RMP's business offices throughout Wyoming and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do file with the Commission in writing on or before October 17, 2018. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter 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 to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-540-ET-18 (Record No. 15096) in your communications.

Dated: September 26, 2018.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules and Special Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) requesting an Order authorizing a change in depreciation rates applicable to its depreciable electric property, as more fully described below:

RMP is a public utility, as defined in Wyo. Stat. §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.

On September 11, 2018, RMP filed its Application with supporting testimony and exhibits requesting the Commission issue an order pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-122 authorizing the Company to change depreciation rates applicable to the Company's depreciable plant, effective January 1, 2021, consistent with the Company's updated depreciation study. The Depreciation Study identifies changes that have occurred since the Company's last depreciation study, measures the effect of the changes on the recovery of presently surviving capital, and revises the capital recovery rate. The Company last performed a depreciation study approximately five years ago. RMP's current depreciation rates were authorized by the Commission in Docket No. 20000-427-EA-13 (Record No. 13436).

RMP states the proposed depreciation rates would increase annual depreciation expense by approximately \$33.3 million on a Wyoming-allocated basis, based on projected plant balances as of December 31, 2020, and the inter-jurisdictional allocation methodology currently in effect, the 2017 Protocol approved in Docket Nos. 20000-486-EA-15 (Record No. 14304) and 20000-510-EA-17 (Record No. 14644). In addition, the proposed ending of excess reserve amortizations increases depreciation expense by approximately \$3.8 million on a Wyoming-allocated basis. Combined, the proposed changes would increase depreciation expense by approximately \$37.1 million on a Wyoming-allocated basis. RMP proposes to record the Depreciation Study recommendations on its books and records with calendar year 2021. The Wyoming Office of Consumer Advocate has intervened in this matter. Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers has filed a Petition to Intervene.

This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. Interested persons may inspect the entire Application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The Application may also be reviewed on line at <http://www.pacificorp.com>.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before October 29, 2018. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or you wish to file a public comment, statement, or protest, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-539-EA-18 (Record No. 15095) in your communications.

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