Flotation device demonstration

by Mark Dykes

When it comes to enjoying one of the town's most well known features — the hot springs — those with conditions that require them to be on oxygen are at something of a disadvantage. They're often confined to only dipping their feet in, or staying near the side of the pool so as to keep their oxygen tanks dry.

During the Big Horn Basin Folk Festival on Saturday, Aug. 3, Milton Schenk will give a demonstration at Hellie's TePee Pools on a device that could give oxygen users a lot more freedom in the pools.

The Wyoming State Captain of the Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) Board, Schenk will use the inside pools to show how the OxyFloat device works. The design is fairly simple. A disc of buoyant material has a couple small "pool noodles" attached to it with straps. The space between the noodles allows enough room for a small tank — such as the M4 (A), ML-6, M6 (B), M7 or M9 (C) models — to fit between them, and the straps also keep the tank in place.

The end result is a portable, floatable personal oxygen system that provides people with more freedom when they're in the water. Schenk noted the device grants people with COPD and other conditions that require oxygen use "the same freedom as everybody else."

For more information on the OxyFloat or the upcoming demonstration, call Schenk at 307-431-8993.

photo by **Mark Dykes**

Pulling weeds

The Thermopolis Church of Christ recently hosted a youth group to help with cleaning up the downtown. The group arrived in town Saturday and helped senior residents with project before heading downtown where they removed weeds.

Public notices

STATE OF WYOMING))) ss. IN THE DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF HOT SPRINGS)) FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF

Sallie Easley Threlkeld Wesaw also known as Sallie E. Wesaw

Deceased.

Probate No. P2019-17

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

You are hereby notified that on the 18th day of June, 2019, the Last Will and Testament of decedent was admitted to probate by the above-named court, and that MELANIE L. THOMPSON was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Will shall be filed in the Court within three months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the decedent or to decedent's estate are requested to make immediate payment to the Estate of SALLIE E. WESAW, c/o Williams Law Office, 339 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443, Thermopolis, Wyoming 82443.

Creditors having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to file them in duplicate with the necessary vouchers, in the Office of the Clerk of said Court, on or before three months after the date of the first publication of this notice, and if such claims are not so filed, unless otherwise allowed or paid, they will be forever barred.

DATED this 18th day of June, 2019.

Melanie L. Thompson
Personal Representative

Pub. July 4, 11 & 18, 2019 No. 8611

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 Wyoming Gas Company, a division of Natural Gas Processing Co., (WGC or the Company), for approval of its Infrastructure Integrity Management Rate Rider and Meter Relocation.

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

In Docket No. 30009-60-GA-16 (Record No. 14566) (Sub 60), the Commission a issued a *Memorandum Opinion, Findings and Order Approving Stipulation)(Sub 60 Order*), directing, *inter alia*, the Company to file its meter relocation plan within 6 months of the general rate case hearing held on October 31, 2017. On June 15, 2018, WGC filed its Application in Docket No. 30009-66-GA-18 (Record No. 15030) (Sub 66) requesting Commission approval of its Meter Location Report and Relocation Plan (Plan). The Plan was filed in accordance with the Commission's *Sub's 60 Order*. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken on November 15, 2018, the Commission issued its *Order (Sub 66 Order*) on December 28, 2018, denying WGC's Application because it did not comply with Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 16. The Commission directed WGC to formulate a reasonable plan to relocate non-compliant meters to the point of utilization, including a time-frame to complete the Plan, and a ratemaking method by which to recover the costs associated with the relocations. The Commission further directed WGC to develop a risk ranking methodology through which a relocation priority could be identified and implemented over a reasonable time-frame, and file a copy of the Plan with the Commission within ninety (90) days of the issuance of the *Sub 66 Order*. WGC was granted a 90 day extension to June 15, 2018, to file Meter Relocation Plan by *Letter Order* issued March 27, 2019.

On June 25, 2019, WGC filed is Application together with supporting testimony and exhibits in this current docketed matter in accordance with the Commission's *Sub 66 Order* and the March 27, 2019 *Letter Order*. When developing its Distribution Integrity Management Plan (DIMP), WGC considered the Commission's concern that meters be located at the property line as well as maintenance of yard lines to the customer's building when the Company developed its plan to implement meter relocation. To develop its Meter Relocation Plan, the Company first reviewed its meter location study data to identify non-compliant meters and what risks those meters posed such as whether a meter is located at the property line, is in a high traffic area or a rural area or is at risk for corrosion due to aging materials. WGC states the primary risk is a meter being hit or run over by vehicle traffic. WGC categorized each meter based on priority of risk factors.

WGC is first proposing to proceed with relocation of meters identified as a Priority 1, then those identified as Priority 2 and so on until completion or directed otherwise. WGC surveyed 7,389 meters. The Company identified 1,014 meters that comply with the new Meter Relocation Plan and are located at the customer's building but may be at risk for vehicle hits and may be barricaded. There are 6,375 remaining meters that are non-compliant with the Commission's new Meter Relocation Rule. WGC states these meters are typically located at the property line next to a customer's building. WGC estimates there are 1,348 meters categorized as Priority 1, and 108 meters categorized as Priority 2.

WGC estimates that with the use of outside contractors, it may be able to accomplish about 530 meter relocations per year. WGC estimates that completing meter relocation for Priority 1 and 2 meters should take about 3 years assuming expected progress during construction. The Company estimates completing all meter relocations will take about 12 years, assuming expected progress during construction.

WGC estimates the total cost of the Meter Relocation Plan will be approximately $18.3 million. WGC proposes to recover these costs through an Infrastructure Management (IIM) Rate Rider. The IIM would go into effect after the first year of implementation of the Meter Relocation Plan, with annual true-ups thereafter. WGC states it projects the first year investments recoverable through the IIM Rider to be $1.55 million, and the cost would be spread among rate classes consistent with the revenue requirement per rate class approved in WGC's last rate case in Sub 60. WGC estimates this would represent about a 2.9% increase over base revenues from Sub 60.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at WGC's offices located at 101 Division Street, Worland, Wyoming, or 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 so file with the Commission in writing on or before August 2, 2019. 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. 30009-69-GM-19 (Record No. 15283) in your communications.

Dated: July 3, 2019.

Pub. July 11 & 18, 2019 No. 8617

NOTICE OF HEARING ON BUDGET FOR OWL CREEK WATER DISTRICT HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing on the proposed budget (see below) for the Owl Creek Water District in Hot Springs County, Wyoming for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020, which is now being considered by the Board of Directors of the Owl Creek Water District, will be held at the Hot Springs County Annex Building, Thermopolis, Wyoming on July 18, 2019 at 6:10 PM at which time all persons interested may appear and be heard in respect to said proposed budget. Following the public comment, if nay, the Board intends to vote on adoption or rejection of the proposed budget. The hearing will be followed by the regular monthly Board meeting.

ITEM	**AMOUNT**
Cash on hand	$42,473
Operating Expense	-$85,047
Projected revenue	+$81,860
FISCAL YEAR BALANCE	**$39,286**

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming will receive bids until 2:00 P.M., local time, August 1, 2019 at the Thermopolis Town Hall, at 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming, for MATERIALS, LABOR, SERVICES, TRANSPORTATION & COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION OF TOWN OF the THERMOPOLIS – SPRINGVIEW SEWER REPLACEMENT. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction costs ranges from $210,000 to $240,000. All bids will be publicly opened and read aloud - date and time stated above. Mail or deliver to Town of Thermopolis, P.O. Box 603, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, WY 82443. The Town of Thermopolis will take no responsibility for delivery of bids through mail. Complete digital copies of the bidding documents are available at www.questcdn.com. Submitting Contractors will be required to register with the website to download the bidding documents for $25 by inputting Quest project #6436022 on the website's Project search page. Please contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information. The Town of Thermopolis reserves the right to reject any and/or all bids and to waive any informalities if deemed in the best interest of the Owner. No bid may be considered unless accompanied by the required bid guarantee of 5% of the total bid amount which amount shall be forfeited if the bidder is awarded the Contract and fails to enter into a Contract with the Owners. Successful bidder will be required to provide payment and performance bonds in an amount of at least 100% of awarded contract price. A pre-bid meeting will be held at 10:00 A.M. local time, on July 26, 2019 at the Town Hall, 420 Broadway, Thermopolis, Wyoming.

Dated this 8th day of July, 2019.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

Pub. July 11, 18, & 25, 2019 No. 8621

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE AND FINAL SETTLEMENT FOR THE EAST RIVER ROAD REHABILITATION AT HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK AT HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

Notice is hereby given that the State of Wyoming, Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources, has accepted as complete, according to plans, specifications, and rules governing the same, the work performed under that certain Service Contract 05SC0277932 between the State of Wyoming, Department of State Parks & Cultural Resources and 71 Construction, whose address is 820 Lough Drive, Riverton, Wyoming 82501 for the work performed, materials, equipment, or tools furnished or used and services rendered for the substantial completion of the East River Road Rehabilitation at Hot Springs State Park, Bid 0198-D, at Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore; that the Department of Administration and Information will cause said Contractor to be paid the full amount due him under said contract on August 28, 2019. The date of the first publication is July 18, 2019.

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