

Schools

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felt their drive to succeed in school eroded by the environment that's emerged in the wake of such rules.

Ty Saylor, who'd watched the school board's Sept. 9 meeting online, expressed his frustrations with what he considered the one-sided nature of its commentary, given that Hot Springs County Public Health Officer Dr. Vernon Miller "very clearly has a strong opinion, pro-masks and pro-vaccines," while "no one else from the opposition (was) here to talk to you guys about everything that was going on."

Saylor voiced his frustration with school shutdowns, which he sees as "letting COVID run our lives," as well as "a get-out-of-school-free card to stay home, if you have any of these symptoms," which he pointed out impacts parents, who might have to take days

off from work to stay at home with their kids.

Saylor said COVID "is here, and it's not going to go away, so we have to learn how to live with it," especially when he sees the response to the pandemic as threatening to lower students' test scores and "facial recognition" abilities. "How are they supposed to learn anything if they can't see their teachers' faces?" Saylor asked.

One self-identified "taxpayer" argued that, if education is primarily going to be conducted online, he'd like to see a portion of the property taxes that he's paid returned, if it's not covering school facilities, and "administration can be centralized to the state."

Board Trustee Will Farrell told the public, "We have no intention of putting out a mask mandate tonight, or any night. It's not been a

discussion. I don't think it's going to be a discussion."

Board Chair Jennifer Axtell clarified that the board has devoted previous meetings to gathering information, to decide whether and how to reopen the schools, and while the board was advised by certain parties to include a mask mandate, it ultimately decided against mask or vaccine mandates.

Axtell's comments were immediately followed by the first parent to speak in favor of mask mandates that evening, as Angel Anderson suggested that others who shared her views might feel intimidated about voicing their opinions.

"The school district now has taken no measures whatsoever to eliminate the transmission of a deadly virus," Anderson said. "Last fall, (students) were required to wear masks. Their temperatures were

taken at the door. There were plastic barriers between desks. There were different groups going to lunch. And I don't understand why that can't be resumed for the fall."

Anderson expressed her support for a vaccine clinic that had previously been suggested for the high school grades, and pointed out that her daughter had open heart surgery over the summer, "and the biggest risk she took this year was going to school."

Anderson added, "I don't understand why science is being taught if you guys don't believe in the science behind the pandemic."

Axtell later elaborated that the state health regulations require schools to shut down when they reach a 30% absentee rate, whether it's due to COVID or not. "We're not stopping anyone from wearing masks," Axtell said. "We will do

better about social distancing. It was brought to our attention that we haven't been doing that really great."

Superintendent Dustin Hunt added, "None of us want to close our schools. That's a last resort. There's two reasons we would; 30% absenteeism or greater for students, or not enough staff to successfully implement instruction."

Hunt noted that absenteeism has declined to 6% district-wide, and expressed optimism that any future closures would be intermittent at most, since "we know that's a hardship on our community, and it's not a decision that's taken lightly."

Axtell pointed out that all the board members are themselves parents of students, looking to do what's best for all the district's students.

Public notices

NOTICE OF FINAL PAYMENT

Pursuant to Section 16-6-116 of the Wyoming Statutes, latest revision, Notice is hereby given that Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming has been advised that the work on the THERMOPLIS – TOWN SHOP REPLACEMENT PROJECT has been completed according to the plans and specifications and rules set forth in the Contract between the Town of Thermopolis, Wyoming, the Owner, and DAVE LODEN CONSTRUCTION, the Contractor, and said Contractor is entitled to final settlement therefore. All persons, firms or corporations who have any claims for work done or equipment/materials furnished on said work are hereby notified that final payment will be made to said Contractor in accordance with the terms of the Contract after the 41st day (10-27-21) following the first publication of this Notice. This Notice does not relieve the Contractor and the sureties on their bond from any claims for work or labor done or materials or supplies furnished in the execution of the Contract.

/s/ Town of Thermopolis

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PUBLIC NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Wyoming Environmental Quality Act and Chapter 1 of the Solid Waste Rules and Regulations, Merit Energy Company has submitted a renewal permit application for the Grass Creek Industrial Landfill.

This facility provides for the disposal of petroleum contaminated wastes, exploration and production Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) - exempt wastes, plastic, fiberglass, non-friable asbestos, petroleum contaminated soils, wood, non-recyclable items, and other inert wastes which have been generated within Grass Creek, Gooseberry, Hamilton Dome, Pitchfork, Spring Creek, Steamboat Butte, Circle Ridge, and Maverick Springs production fields. The 20.49 acre facility is located in the Grass Creek oil field off Grass Creek road approximately 20 miles northwest of Thermopolis, Wyoming. More specifically, this facility is located in the SE ¼ SW ¼ of Section 19, Township 46 North, Range 98 West, in Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The total volumetric capacity of this facility is estimated to be 151,000 cubic yards. The life of the facility is estimated to be 43 years.

The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has reviewed the application and found it to be complete. Any interested person has the right to file comments on the permit application and the DEQ's completeness review. The period for providing comments shall begin on September 23, 2021, and end on November 1, 2021. Comments must be received by 5:00 PM on the last day of the notice period. Comments on this application must be submitted in writing to the Department of Environmental Quality, Luke Esch, Administrator, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division, 200 W. 17th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002 or submitted using the DEQ comment portal provided at <https://shw.wyomingdeq.com/mentinput.com/>.

DEQ is now conducting a review of the application to determine if it complies with applicable technical standards for a facility of this type. If DEQ finds that the application complies with the technical standards, DEQ will issue a proposed permit and provide public notice and further opportunity to comment on the proposed permit.

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, special assistance or alternative formats will be made available upon request for individuals with disabilities.

Para español, visite deq.wyoming.gov.

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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 situs and non-situs Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct its Gateway South Transmission Project and the Gateway West Segment D.1 Transmission Project (Transmission Projects), 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.

On August 26, 2020, the Company submitted an Application together with testimony, and exhibits requesting the Commission grant both a situs and non-situs CPCN to construct the Gateway South and Gateway West Segment D.1 Transmission Projects.

Gateway South is a 414 mile, high-voltage 500-kV transmission line that will begin at the Aeolus substation, which is located near Medicine Bow, Wyoming. From the Aeolus substation, the line extends west to Wamsutter, Wyoming, and then generally south to the Colorado border. From there, the line crosses through the northwest corner of Colorado, enters Utah, eventually terminating at the Clover substation near Mona, Utah. Construction of Gateway South requires the modification of existing 345-kV transmission infrastructure in the Mona, Utah area and modifications to the existing Aeolus and Anticline substations located in Wyoming and modifications to the existing Clover and Mona substations located in Utah. Due to the length of Gateway South, construction of two new series compensation substations are necessary, which are the Little Snake substation located in Colorado and the Coyote substation located in Utah. Modifications to the existing Aeolus and Anticline substations located in Wyoming and to the existing Clover and Mona substations located in Utah will also be required to accommodate the Gateway South.

More specifically, the Gateway South transmission line will pass through:

- T. 13 N., R. 93 W., T. 14 N., R. 93 W., T. 15 N., R. 93 W., T. 16 N., R. 92 W., T. 16 N., R. 93 W., T. 17 N., R. 93 W., T. 18 N., R. 93 W., T. 19 N., R. 92 W., T. 19 N., R. 93 W., T. 20 N., R. 84 W., T. 20 N., R. 85 W., T. 20 N., R. 88 W., T. 20 N., R. 89 W., T. 20 N., R. 90 W., T. 21 N., R. 83 W., T. 21 N., R. 84 W., T. 21 N., R. 85 W., T. 21 N., R. 86 W., T. 21 N., R. 87 W., T. 21 N., R. 88 W., T. 21 N., R. 89 W., T. 22 N., R. 80 W., T. 22 N., R. 82 W., T. 22 N., R. 83 W., T. 23 N., R. 80 W., T. 23 N., R. 81 W., T. 23 N., R. 82 W., T. 24 N., R. 80 W., T. 24 N., R. 81 W., Carbon County, Wyoming; and
- T. 12 N., R. 94 W., T. 12 N., R. 95 W., T. 13 N., R. 94 W., T. 13 N., R. 95 W., T. 14 N., R. 94 W., T. 19 N., R. 94 W., T. 20 N., R. 90 W., T. 20 N., R. 91 W., T. 20 N., R. 92 W., T. 20 N., R. 94 W., T. 21 N., R. 90 W., Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

Gateway West Segment D.1 will begin at the existing Windstar substation located in southeastern Wyoming and will run southwest to the Shirley Basin substation located 20 miles north of Medicine Bow, Wyoming. Gateway West Segment D.1 will require construction of a new 230-kV Heward substation located adjacent to the existing Difficulty substation and modification to the existing Shirley Basin, Dave Johnston, Windstar, and Anticline substa-

tions. RMP is also proposing to reconstruct 57 miles of an existing 230-kV transmission line that extends from the existing Shirley Basin substation to the existing Dave Johnston substation.

More specifically, the Gateway West Segment D.1 transmission line will pass through:

- T. 26 N., R. 78 W., T. 26 N., R. 79 W., T. 27 N., R. 78 W., T. 28 N., R. 78 W., T. 28 N., R. 79 W., Carbon County, Wyoming;
- T. 29 N., R. 78 W., T. 29 N., R. 79 W., T. 30 N., R. 77 W., T. 30 N., R. 78 W., T. 31 N., R. 77 W., T. 31 N., R. 80 W., T. 32 N., R. 77 W., Natrona County, Wyoming; and
- T. 31 N., R. 77 W., T. 32 N., R. 76 W., T. 32 N., R. 77 W., T. 33 N., R. 74 W., T. 33 N., R. 75 W., T. 33 N., R. 76 W., T. 34 N., R. 74 W., T. 34 N., R. 75 W., Converse County, Wyoming.

To complete the Transmission Projects by 2023, the Company proposes a phased CPCN review process. First, the Company requests conditional CPCNs under Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-205(f) that allow the Company to: (i) by December 31, 2020, start the process to finalize acquisition of the rights-of-way necessary to construct the Transmission Projects; and (ii) by June 1, 2021, commence work on the Transmission Projects on a limited notice to proceed basis. Second, the Company requests completion of the Advanced Review Process and issuance of final, unconditional CPCNs to allow construction to commence on a final notice to proceed basis by August 1, 2021.

The proposed projects are necessary to allow for interconnection of additional resources to serve load by 2024 and allow interconnection of an additional 1,920 megawatts (MW) of generation resources in eastern Wyoming; offer time-limited federal tax incentives associated with new renewable generation will be enabled by the Transmission Projects to partially offset costs; to accommodate 2,500 MW of interconnection and transmission service requests governed by executed contracts requiring construction of the Transmission Projects; and to improve transmission grid reliability.

The preliminary estimated total cost of the Transmission Projects is expected to exceed \$2 billion, which includes \$915 million for Wyoming based facilities.

The Company intends to finance the Project through its normal internal and external sources of capital, including net cash flow from operating activities, public and private debt offerings, the issuance of commercial paper, the use of unsecured revolving credit facilities, capital contributions, and other sources. The financial impact will not impair the Company's ability to continue to provide safe and reliable electricity service at reasonable rates.

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:

<https://www.rockymountainpower.net/about/rates-regulation/wyoming-regulatory-filings.html>

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 1, 2020. 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. 20000-588-EN-20 (Record No. 15604) in your communications.

Dated: September 3, 2020.

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NOTICE OF SALE

There is a 2007 (Year) Ford (Make) Edge (Model) Black (Color) with VIN # 2FMDK39C07BA64134 that will be sold at Sheriff's public auction on the front steps of the Hot Springs County Courthouse on October 5, 2021, at 11:00 a.m. This sale is to satisfy abandoned vehicle costs against Aaron James Kosel (registered owner) on the above listed vehicle by The Hot Springs County Sheriff's Office (tow company/property owner) in the amount of \$720.00.

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Warrants List

The following list of warrants approved September 16, 2021, by HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT is hereby published as required by the Wyoming Education Code of 2005, as amended, Chapter 3, Section 21-3-110 (a)(ii).

SPECIALTY TOWING AUTO & RV	\$500.00
POSTAGE BY PHONE/PURCHASE POWER	\$629.24
WILSON LANGUAGE TRAINING	\$645.84
BRUCO, INC.	\$663.00
EDUCATORS HANDBOOK	\$698.00
TRILOGY THERAPY, LLC	\$743.75
KIDGRIT	\$813.95
ROCKY MOUNTAIN FIRE SYSTEMS, INC	\$992.01
BREEZ DANIELS	\$1,000.00
GREAT WESTERN INSTALLATIONS, INC	\$1,000.00
ARAMACOST TRANE SERVICE COMPANY	\$1,085.00
HOT SPRINGS CO CPR CHAPTER	\$1,380.00
COWBOY SUPPLY HOUSE	\$1,552.95
SCHOLASTIC MAGAZINES	\$1,570.80
JADECO, INC.	\$2,579.34
INDEPENDENT RECORD	\$2,755.45
WVU SCHOOL OF DESIGN & COMMUNITY	\$3,000.00
WYOMING GAS COMPANY	\$3,358.69
WYOMING DEPT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES	\$3,567.25
J&J FLOORS, LLC	\$6,841.62
SYSCO MONTANA - RWE	\$8,149.63
SYSCO MONTANA - HS	\$8,284.33
SYSCO MONTANA - MS	\$9,656.27
VIVI LLC	\$9,685.00
EDLIO LLC	\$10,610.00
KAGAN PUBLISHING	\$11,569.50
DEBRA RAUGUTT	\$12,500.00
TOWN OF THERMOPLIS	\$16,183.60
APPLE COMPUTER	\$19,346.00
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER	\$20,226.43
LONG BUILDING TECHNOLOGIES INC	\$49,108.51
BANK OF MONTREAL \$	208,972.65
ELDER EQUIPMENT LEASING OF WY, INC.	\$304,530.72
TOTAL	\$724,200.43

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