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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Procedural Rules, notice is hereby given of Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or the Company) Application to convert the primary fuel source from coal to natural gas for Units 1 and 2 of the Jim Bridger Power Plant located near Rock Springs in Sweetwater County, Wyoming.

- 1. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility, as defined by Wyoming Statute § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyoming Statute § 37-2-112.
- 2. On December 9, 2022, RMP submitted its Application requesting the Commission's approval of its proposed conversion of the fuel source used for Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2 from coal to natural gas pursuant to Commission Rule Chapter 3 Section 21(f). The Company's proposed conversion of Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2 to natural gas includes: 1) construction of a new natural gas pipeline to and within the power plant's property to allow for natural gas delivery; 2) construction of new gas line heaters and a new regulator station to control the pressure being introduced into the burners; 3) new natural gas burners and ignitors to allow for natural gas firing and electrical generation at an estimated 531-539 MW for each unit; 4) primary air fan duct modifications; and 5) distributed control systems modifications.
- 3. The Jim Bridger Power Plant consists of four generating units and is jointly owned by PacifiCorp and Idaho Power Company. PacifiCorp has two-thirds ownership and is the operator of the Jim Bridger facility. The Company states the total capital cost of the conversion of Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2 to natural gas is approximately \$28 million including Idaho Power Company's share. PacifiCorp's total-Company share of the cost is approximately \$18.7 million. The Company states its proposed fuel conversion process is expected to begin in November 2023 and currently includes plans to take Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2 offline concurrently at the end of December 2023 for conversion and then entered back in service in May 2024. The Company states that if converted to natural gas, both units would operate through 2034.
- 4. The Company states the proposed natural gas conversion of Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2 was identified in PacifiCorp's 2021 Integrated Resource Plan as the least-cost, least-risk option for the Company and its customers. The Company also states the conversion has minimal cost, requires minimal construction and can allow the Company to continue providing electrical generation for its customers from this existing power plant for which it already has a CPCN while satisfying its emissions control obligations.
- 5. This is not a complete description of RMP's Application. You may review the Application at RMP's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's office in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during business hours or online at: https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers. aspx (enter Record No. 17212).
- 6. Anyone desiring to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, on or before January 30, 2023. Petitions 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. Please mention Docket No. 20000-628-EA-22 in all correspondence with the Commission.
- 7. If you wish to participate in this matter 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.

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COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session December 20, 2022, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Mike Chimenti, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Bill Malloy, and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Fred Crosby, Clerk/ Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Engineer Anthony Barnette, Public Works Director Ernie Slagle and Town Attorneys Mike Messenger and Marshall Keller. AGENDA: Following the pledge of alle-

giance, Malloy made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to approve the agenda as written. FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Dorman

made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the financial statement for November 2022.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: DAN <u>WYCHGRAM REQUEST:</u> Wychgram asked if the letter of support for the county business ready grant was approved, that it be conditional upon not tearing up the runway.

His family has a proposal for a fly-in residential area and the runway is necessary for the proposal. Additional discussion ensued on water and sewer lines, annexation, district-type contracts for water & sewer, the existing road to the airport and the original convention center proposal.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: JACKIE <u>DOROTHY – GRANT REQUEST SUP-</u> PORT: Malloy made a motion and Dorman seconded to write a letter of support for the county's business ready grant application, with the condition that the county enter into a contract with the town before connection to the town water and sewer lines. In discussion, Lewis noted he would like the proposal to add the recommendation of not tearing up the runway. The motion was not changed and passed.

TOWN ENGINEER: ANTHONY BAR-NETT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the 2-year hot water agreement with the state. Larson made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to allow the mayor to sign the certificate of substantial completion on the Silo project. Barnett noted cell 10 at the landfill is at 50% capacity.

TOWN ATTORNEY: MIKE MESSEN-GER: Messenger noted he would not be continuing as the town attorney and expressed his appreciation in being able to serve and work with mayor and council and admin-

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: DISCOVERY & NATURE CENTER BOARD APPOINTMENT: Crosby noted Toddi Darlington was the only applicant for the opening. Malloy made a motion, seconded by Dorman and carried to reappoint Darlington to the board.

ADMINISTRATION: FRED CROSBY: OTHER: Crosby noted the police department taser warranties had expired. The 5-yr renewal (for 8 tasers) is \$27,902.40 with \$2,790.26 due this year and the remainder in the following budget year. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Malloy and carried to approve the contract. Additionally, Crosby noted he was retiring and expressed his appreciation and thanks.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: OTHER: Larson also noted this was his last council meeting and expressed his appreciation and thanks. The meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm and the next Council meeting is January 3, 2023, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Mike Chimenti, Clerk/Treasurer Mayor Pub. Jan. 12, 2023 No. 1273

OFFICE OF THE STATE OF WYOMING BOARD OF COUNTY COUNTY OF COMMISSIONERS HOT SPRINGS December 6, 2022

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday. December 6. 2022. at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Phillip Scheel and Jack Baird. Also present were County Attorney Jill Logan, County Clerk Becky Kersten and Administrative Assistant Penny Herdt. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Al-

Approval of Agenda – The agenda was approved with the addition of Other Business - Item 6. Sage Grouse Amendment MOU Discussion.

GIS Update – Bryan Clarkson and Maddie Ross joined the meeting by phone. Septic permits from 1985-88, 1993-97 and 1999 have been scanned in to the GIS system. The focus this month has been on Road & Bridge training and creating field maintenance documents. Road & Bridge personnel received system training in Cody and returned and trained entire crew on the applications.

FBO Monthly Report – The FBO reported there were 158 recorded operations in November. Fuel sales totaled 1132 gallons of AvGas and 1,258 gallons of Jet Fuel. Fuel sales will be up again in December with UPS holiday freight coming in via Bemidji Aviation. Restroom soap dispensers have been replaced. New covers for the wheeled fire extinguisher units have been received and installed. 2023 Airport Crack Seal Project Contract - HSG - The Commissioners approved the contract with WYDOT - Aeronautics for the 2023 HSG Airport Crack Seal Project. The contract runs through September 30, 2023. The County's share of the contract is 20% of the total cost of the project (\$9,025.41).

Maintenance Monthly Report - The Maintenance Foreman has received a quote for replacement of the Courthouse generator. He is still waiting on a quote for installation from Jadeco. The compressor is down in the IT room in the Annex. Long Controls is working on repairs. The new Bobcat was shipped this week-should be here by Christmas. Still working on a fix for the Extension Office chimney.

Road & Bridge Monthly Report - The Road & Bridge Supervisor reported lots of plowing and sanding in November. Worked with T-O to enable off-line use of the GIS Maintenance Reporting application. A reguest was received from Jackie Dorothy for an operations and maintenance plan to go with the THP Reuse Grant application submission. He will create that plan

with any required assistance from Com-

missioner staff. Homeland Security Grant - Radio Updates - The Commissioners approved the Chair's signature on the Grant Award Agreement #22-SHSP-HOT-INT in the amount of \$22,648.18 between WOHS and Hot Springs County, covering the period of 9/1/2022 - 8/31/2023. The purpose of the grant is to update emergency radios for the Road & Bridge department. Certificate of <u>Final Completion – West Cottonwood Creek</u> Road Culvert Replacement - The Commissioners approved the Chair's signature on the certification of final completion for the West Cottonwood Creek Road Culvert Replacement project.

Planner Monthly Report - Neither the NRPC nor the LUPB will meet this month. Septic season is pretty much over for the year. All local installers will receive an update and education on new policies and procedures for small waste water systems prior to the beginning of next year's season.

Youth Alternatives Monthly Report There are currently 12 participants in the program – 8 males and 4 females. There are twelve 16- and 17-year-old students and three 18-19 year-olds working on the GED waiver (Hi-Set). December projects include People for People meal prep, the Christmas Tree Festival, food pickup for the Christmas Basket program, and assistance with the Community Christmas Dinner.

Emergency Management Monthly Report - The Commissioners approved the Grant Award Agreement between the Wyoming OHS and Hot Springs County for Project 22-EMPG-HOT-GCF22 in the amount of \$33,400.00, covering the time period 10/1/21-9/30/23.

Resolution 2022-11 Appointment of <u>Special Prosecutor</u> – As requested by John Worrall, County & Prosecuting Attorney Jill Logan presented a resolution for appointment of a Special Prosecutor for consideration by the Commissioners. The Commissioners approved Resolution 2022-11 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2022-11 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF SPECIAL **PROSECUTOR**

WHEREAS, Jill Logan, Hot Springs County and Prosecuting Attorney, has advised the Hot Springs County Board of County Commissioners on or about the 6th day of December, 2022, that there is the need for the appointment of a Special Prosecutor in a matter currently being investigated for possible prosecution, as a conflict has arisen; and

WHEREAS, W.S. 18-3-302(c) 1977, as amended; enables the County Commissioners of any county to employ one of more attorneys to appear and prosecute and assist the County and Prosecuting Attorney in behalf of the people of such county in any action or proceeding, whether civil or criminal; and

WHEREAS, in such case the nature and necessity of employment shall appear in the records of the County Commissioners according to W.S. 18-3-302(c) 1977, as amended; and

WHEREAS, it appears to the Board of County Commissioners that a special prosecutor is needed to assist the County and Prosecuting Attorney to carry out her duties due to the County and Prosecuting Attorney having a conflict of interest or which would have the appearance of impropriety should the Hot Springs County and Prosecuting Attorney's Office handle the above matter that needs a decision on whether filing criminal charges is appropriate; and

WHEREAS, the Washakie County and Prosecuting Attorney, John Worrall, and/or any Washakie County and Prosecuting Deputy Attorney thereby assigned has agreed to assume the responsibilities and duties of Special Prosecutor, personally, in this matter, it being noted that while the Special Prosecutor will not charge for their time, that Hot Springs County could be responsible for expenses incurred by the Special Prosecutor in carrying out their duties; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RE-SOLVED AND ESTABLISHED that Washakie County and Prosecuting Attorney, John Worrall, and/or any Washakie County and Prosecuting Deputy Attorney, is hereby assigned, appointed and employed as Special Prosecutor in the above referenced criminal case to perform the official duties in this matter that would otherwise be performed by the Hot Springs County and Prosecuting Attorney, and for that time and for this matter he shall have the same powers given by law to the Hot Springs County and Prosecuting Attorney as is so provided by W.S. 18-3-105, 1977, as amended.

SIGNED this 6th day of December, 2022. Hot Springs County ATTEST: Board of Commissioners: Becky Kersten, Thomas J. Ryan, Hot Springs Chairman County Clerk

Public Hearing-Malt Liquor License Application - Bailey Enterprises Pit Stop #10 – After a public hearing at which no public comment was received, the Commissioners approved the Malt Liquor License for Bailey Enterprises Pit Stop #10, located at 167 Highway 20 South.

Other Business - RFR #5 STP-CR <u>CN15022 – Black Mountain Road / Grass</u> <u>Creek Road Project</u> – The Commissioners approved RFR#5 Project#STP-CR CN15022 County Road 6 (BMR) and State Highway 171 (Grass Creek Road) in the amount of \$58,409.41. RFR #3 - Children's Outdoor Discovery Center TAP Grant - The Commissioners approved RFR #3 Project #CD22514 - Children's Outdoor Discovery Area in the amount of \$2,872.39. RFR #4 -Children's Outdoor Discovery Center TAP Grant – The Commissioners approved RFR #4 Project #CD22514 – Children's Outdoor

Discovery Area in the amount of \$3,457.74 <u>Special District Non-Compliance Report</u> – Clerk Kersten presented the Special District Non-Compliance Report from the State Department of Audit. Annual reports have not yet been filed by the HS Travel & Tourism Board, HSC Recreation District, Kirby Ditch Irrigation District and Lucerne Water & Sewer District. The primary cause of this appears to be that the due date has been changed for 2022. Clerk Kersten will advertise as required and work with the entities to avoid dissolution for failure to report. SF-425 Annual Report - HSG Master Plan - The Commissioners approved the Chair's signature on the Annual Report SF-425 to be submitted to the FAA for 2022. Sage Grouse Amended Plan MOU -BLM – The Commissioners' staff will notify WCCA of the Commissioners' desire to be a participating entity in the Amendment process for the Sage Grouse Plan, with further discussion at the upcoming WCCA meeting.

October, 2022; Fair Board Minutes – November, 2022 Executive Session - Personnel - The Commissioners entered into Executive Session for personnel reasons at 11:00 a.m. They

<u>Correspondence</u> – NRPC Minutes –

returned to regular session at 11:10 a.m. No action was taken during the Executive Session. The Commissioners accepted Administrative Assistant Penny Herdt's letter of notification of her retirement effective February 1, 2023. Advertising for her replacement will begin immediately. Approve Bills - The following bills were

submitted for approval. Payroll for November - \$196,213.02.

BILLS - November, 2022

KONE PASADENA 577.56/STEPHENS PECK INC 100.00 / CAROL J. DOCKERY 238.83 / NORTHERN WYOMING NEWS 30.72 / HOT SPRINGS VETERINARY CLINIC 60.00 / TRI STATE TRUCK & EQUIPMENT, INC. 436.56/S & HGLASS. INC. 185.00/SUSANM. NICHOLS 208.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY 16,250.00 / AFLAC (ACCOUNT#HW652) 609.87 / ENTERPRISES TECHNOLOGY SERVICES 15.68 / ALEXA A. HANSON 228.00 / ALICE J. BUNCH 229.25 / AL-LEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT. INC. 55,092.43 / ANGEL M. ANDERSON 208.00 / ANITA WEISBECK 37.50 / BA-ZOOKA LUMBER & LIVESTOCK, LLC 24.79 / BENJAMIN E. ARTHUR 232.13 / BEVERLY J. KOERWITZ 208.00 / BIG HORN WATER 157.87 / LONG BUILD ING TECHNOLOGIES, INC. 6,977.98 / BETTY JEAN MARTINEZ 287.75 AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. 368.60 / BUDD-FALEN LAW OFFICES LLC 550.00 / CAROL M. DOWDY 208.00 / CARDINAL HEALTH 110, LLC 4,010.68 / CAROL M. SLAGLE 250.25 / CAROL A. WIDMAN 228.00 / CAROL J. SHAFFER 218.03 / C C & G, INC. 7,360.00 / CINDY L. DENTON 208.00/CITY SERVICE VAL-CON 29.534.72/CITY SERVICE VALCON 16.00 / RED ROCK FAMILY PRACTICE. PC 885.00 / CNA SURETY DIRECT BILL 4,330.00 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 171.30 / COLONIAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 18.70/VERIZON WIRELESS 49.85/ VERIZON WIRELESS 37.01 / VERIZON WIRELESS 122.40 / VERIZON WIRE-LESS 81.26 / CONTROL SOLUTIONS, INC. 84.00 / TERESA K. CORNELLA 18.26 / CR LOCK AND SAFE 295.00 / CURTIS CHENEY 475.00 / CYNTHIA M. GARBIN 48.00/DEBORAH C. MULLINS 208.00/DORIS ANN READY 228.00/EM-PIRE FUNERAL SUPPLY INC. 829.16 ELECTION SYSTEMS & SOFTWARE 474.75 / FAIRFIELD BY MARRIOTT GILLETTE 651.00 / FALINA M. HILL 218.63 / FASTENAL COMPANY 492.99 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 42,466.65/US. FOODS 3,007.54/GAYLA D. MEAD-ELLIS 214.25 / GOTTSCHE THERAPY REHAB WELLNESS 180.00 / GREEN TURF LAWNSCAPES, INC. 3,045.24 / HIGH PLAINS POWER 456.56 / HONNEN EQUIPMENT CO. 364.35 / HOTSY EQUIPMENT OF WYOMING, INC. 1,560.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUN-TY SCHOOL DIST. #1 5,176.01 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT 400.00/HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SHER-IFF'S OFFICE 180.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY TREASURER 1,089.21 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 54,164.79 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 6,030.53 / HTO CHEMICAL COMPANY, LLC 225.00 / IAAO 240.00 / THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RE-CORD 978.40 / INDOFF INC. 255.00 / INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE 116.81 / ISI SERVICES CORP 357.05 / JADECO, INC. 501.75 / JARED NICH-OLS 137.99 / JENNIFER CHENEY 30.00 / JUDY M. CRAMER 218.00 / JULIA'S RENTAL SALES & SERVICE INC. 125.00 / KAREN SLOCUM 500.98 / KATHER-INE L. CARLSTROM 208.00 / KELLY K. STRAMPE 208.00 / KENNEDY ACE HARDWARE 79.99 / KIM E. BRESLIN 160.00 / KRISTINA D. MCNEFF 41.25 / LEGEND ROCK MEDIA PRODUC-TIONS, LLC 1,762.50 / LEVI J. SHIN-KLE 75.00 / LEYANN F. GOMEZ 160.00 / LINDA BADER 110.00 / LYNN S. AL-LEN 282.80 / MACK'S MARKET, INC. 149.73 / MARY M. NATION 218.55 / ML BOWMAN, INC. 206.98 / MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 6,771.62 / NAPA MO-TOR SUPPLY, INC. 407.70 / NORMA J. SMITH 208.00 / OLSON'S AUTO BODY & TOWING 2,153.10 / O'REILLY AUTO

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PARTS 361.75 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 404.17 / OFFICE SHOP INC. 8,750.12 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 7,858.20 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 597.30 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 3,644.08 / PACIFIC STEEL AND RECYCLING 351.68 / PAMELA K. KERR 208.00 / PER-FORMANCE AUTO & GLASS 815.62 / PHYLLIS WINTER BAKER 77.63 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPO-LIS 3,146.07 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 3,493.10 / POSTMAS-TER 360.00 / PREVENTIVE HEALTH & SAFETY DIVISION 84.00 / CENTURY LINK 670.32 / RACHEL S. MOON 208.00 / RAY E. BAIRD 217.68 / RAYMOND E. SHAFFER 218.03 / RIVERTON TIRE AND OIL 2,121.60/ROXANNE M. BAIRD 217.68 / RANGE 2,820.73 / RUSSELL W. MULLINS 208.00 / SADY MOUNTS 641.08/SANDRAL.BILLS 208.00/SAFE RESTRAINTS 4,913.12/SERLKAY 810.93 / SHARON K. JOHNSON 219.83 / SHEL-LEY DEROMEDI 208.00 / SOURCES OF STRENGTH INC. 1,000.00 / THE STAN-DARD INS. CO. 1,578.91/STAR PLUNGE 206.00 / STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE 500.00 / STEPHANIE CON-RAD 50.00 / STERICYCLE, INC. 34.05 / STEVE'S PLUMBING & HEATING, INC. 136.00 / SUSAN M. RAGLAND 208.00 / SUZANNE G. SAMELSON 208.00/TUM-BLEWEED PROPANE 1,126.78 / TAN-YA JOHNSON 141.60 / TEPEE POOLS 192.00/T-O ENGINEERS, INC. 21,973.76 / T-O ENGINEERS 7,912.67 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 1,342.75 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 11,235.26 / TRAC-TOR & EQUIPMENT CO. 1,642.40 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC, INC 630.79 / TRICIA MCPHIE 65.00 / THOM-AS Y PICKETT 2,000.00 / NORCO, INC. 313.19 / VERIZON WIRELESS 47.86 VERIZON 35.14 / VERIZON WIRELESS 50.55 / VICKLUND PHARMACY 147.00 / VICKY J. MCDERMOTT 217.78 / VICKI L. MOORE 208.00 / VICKI M. NICHOLS 208.00 / VIRGINIA F. ARTHUR 232.13 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD ONE) 299.00 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA-CARD TWO) 140.60 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FOUR) 299.71/PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SIX) 1,650.56 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SEVEN) 843.82 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD EIGHT) 113.80 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 1-SHERIFF) 1,299.87/PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 2-SHERIFF) 38.64 / PIN-NACLE BANK (VISA CARD 3-SHER-IFF) 937.44 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 4-SHERIFF) 184.61 / WACERS 2,325.00/SHANNON M. WALKER 217.55 /WASHAKIE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 28.00 / WEDGWOOD & COMPANY LLC 190.00 / WHITE HORSE FEED & SEED LLC 87.98/WYOMING DEPT. OF WORK-FORCE SERVICES 6,970.77/WYOMING ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY 100.00 WYOMING BEHAVIORAL INSTITUTE 4,524.00/GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPA-NY, LLC 4,050.00 / WY DEPT. OF ENVI-RONMENTAL 400.00 / WYDOT-FINAN-CIAL SERVICES 10.793.27 / WYOMING GAS 3,716.00 / WYONET INC. 305.95 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 33,779.95/ 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 320.00/ WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 187.50 / WYOMING WASTE SERVIC-ES - RIVERTON 141.16 / YUN CHENG, PH.D. 500.00

Adjourn - The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Attest

Thomas J. Rvan.

Becky Kersten, Chairman County Clerk

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STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF WYOMING OF COUNTY OF

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HOT SPRINGS December 20, 2022 The Hot Springs Board of County Com-

missioners met in regular session on Tuesday, December 20, 2022, at 3:00 p.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan and Jack Baird. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan, and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Penny Herdt. Roberts Rules were suspended until Commissioner Scheel arrived. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance. Approval of Agenda - The agenda was

approved with the following changes: ADD: Executive Session - Personnel; DELETE: Regular Business 1. Black Mountain Road/ Airport Update; Other Business 3. AFLAC Program Discussion.

Approval of Minutes - The minutes of the November 1 and 15, 2022 meetings were

approved as presented.

Public Health / Prevention Monthly <u>Update</u> – The Public Health Nurse Manager provided the minutes from the December Prevention Meeting for the Commissioners' review. The Public Health Cash Handling Policy was approved as presented.

Big Horn Basin Water Joint Powers <u> Board Discussion</u> – A work session will be set up after the first meetings in January of the Board of Commissioners and the Town of Thermopolis to discuss the revival

of the Big Horn Basin Water Joint Powers Board. Parties invited to the work session will include the County, the Town of Thermopolis, East Thermopolis, Lucerne Water, Red Lane representatives, Owl Creek Water District, and South Thermopolis Water & Sewer District.

Request to Change Lane 14 Plat -Road Designation – After considerable discussion and input from the County Attorney, the Commissioners denied a request from the Crimson View Subdivision HOA to change the plat designation of Lane 14 from a public road to a private road.

Public Hearing-Amended WBC Business Readiness Community Grant Ap**plication - THP Reuse** - Grant Coordinator Jackie Dorothy reviewed the amended application to the Wyoming Business Council for a Business Readiness Community Grant to provide infrastructure and site preparation for future development at the old airport site. During the public hearing comment period, the audience was repeatedly reminded that the hearing was only about the application for an infrastructure grant – not future use of the old airport site. Comments were received from Kay Rush, Paul Galovich, Dan Wychgram, Mike Connor, Brad Becerra. At the close of the public hearing, the Commissioners approved Resolution 2022-12 as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-12

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUB-MISSION OF APPLICATION TO THE WY-OMING BUSINESS COUNCIL UNDER THE BUSINESS READY COMMUNITY GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM FOR A BUSINESS READY GRANT ON BEHALF OF THE HOT SPRINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

FOR THE PURPOSE OF: REUSE OF THE FORMER AIRPORT PROPERTY

<u>WITNESSETH</u>

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners desires to participate in the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program to assist in financing this project; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners recognizes the need for a business ready lot at the former airport property and believes this project will address those needs; and

WHEREAS, the public benefits of this project are to remove a liability and promote future economic development and improve the Former Airport Property by adding infrastructure within the boundaries of Hot Springs County and

WHEREAS, the specific goals and measures of success of this project are removal of all liabilities on the property, a new safer access road and new water, sewer and utilities and

WHEREAS, the Business Ready Community Grant and Loan Program requires that certain criteria be met, as described in the Wyoming Business Council's Rules governing the program, and to the best of our knowledge this application meets those criteria; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners understands that this is a grant of the Wyoming Business Council; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners understands that this grant shall not create any indebtedness exceeding four percent (4%) of the assessed value of the taxable property therein; Hot Springs County shall not create any indebtedness exceeding two percent (2%) of the taxable property therein; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners has a comprehensive operation and maintenance plan including projected expenses extending the life of the asset(s); and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners plans to secure the requested Business Ready Grant match of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, in the event of any project cost overruns, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will provide funding in the amount necessary to complete the project utilizing funds allocated from Road and Bridge and the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners has considered other possible funding solutions for this project which include USDA grants, DEQ grants, and EPA grants; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners are working in partnership with Thermopolis Hot Springs County Chamber and Hot Springs County State Park; and

WHEREAS, the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on November 22nd, 2022 at 9am and on December 20th, 2022 at 4pm to solicit testimony from citizens, and gave full consideration to all comments received; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOT SPRINGS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS that a grant application in the amount of \$3,000,000 be submitted to the Wyoming Business Council for consideration of assistance in funding the REUSE OF THE FORMER AIRPORT PROPERTY.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH day of DECEMBER, 2022.

By:

Becky Kersten, County Clerk

ATTEST:

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman Phillip Scheel, Vice-Chairman Jack Baird,

Commissioner The accompanying Certificate was approved subject to review and approval of the County Attorney as follows:

CERTIFICATE

I, Becky Kersten, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners at a public meeting held on December 20th, 2022, and that the meeting was held accordingly to law; and that said Resolution has been duly entered in the minutes of the Hot Springs County Commissioners public meeting.

Becky Kersten, County Clerk

Other Business - Board Appointments The Commissioners made the following board appointments: Fair Board - Ginger Ward; NRPC-No applicants; Predatory Animal Control Board – Jim Lash, Weed & Pest -Arnold Pennover, Area 2 and Dee Hillberry, Area 5. Warranty Deeds – High Country Behavioral Health / Head Start Properties - High Country Behavioral Health representative Kipp Dana joined the meeting by phone. The Commissioners approved a Warranty Deed conveying property described as Lots 13 and 14, the west 20' of Lot 15, and a strip of land 20' X 140', adjacent to and west of said Lot 13; in Block 6 of McManigal's Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming to High Country Behavioral Health as presented. The Commissioners approved a Warranty Deed conveying property described as the east 10' of Lot 15, all of Lots 16, 17, 18, and 19, and that portion of the west 25' of Lot 20 lying west of the BNSF Railway rightof-way, in Block 6 of McManigal's Addition to the Town of Thermopolis, Hot Springs County, Wyoming to Hot Springs County, State of Wyoming 415 Arapahoe Street, Thermopolis, Wyoming. <u>BLM Sage Grouse</u> Management Plan Amendments - The Commissioners approved the Chair's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding between Hot Springs County Commissioners and the BLM regarding the County's participation as a cooperating agency in the NEPA process for Plan Amendments for the Management of Greater Sage Grouse.

 ${\color{red} ext{Correspondence}}$ – Chamber of Commerce Newsletter-December, 2022; BHB Nature & Discovery Center Minutes – November, 2022; State Dept. of Audit – Cost of Maintaining County Government

Executive Session - Personnel - The Commissioners entered Executive Session for personnel reasons at 4:32 p.m. The Commissioners returned to regular session at 4:52 p.m. There was no action taken during or as a result of the Executive Session.

<u>Adjourn</u> – The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

Attest

Thomas J. Ryan, Chairman

Becky Kersten, County Clerk

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No. 1272

NOTICE AND ORDER SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

- 1. Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules, notice is hereby given that a public hearing is scheduled regarding Rocky Mountain Power's (RMP or the Company) Application for certificates of public convenience and necessity for the Rock Creek I and Rock Creek II wind projects and the associated transmission infrastructure for interconnection. The public hearing is set to commence on Wednesday, February 1, 2023, at 9:00 a.m., in the Commission's hearing room located at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, in Cheyenne, Wyoming.
- 2. RMP is a division of PacifiCorp, an Oregon corporation, engaged in the business of supplying electric utility service to customers throughout its six-state service territory, including Wyoming. RMP is a public utility, subject to the Commission's iurisdiction. (Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-l-101(a)(vi) (C) and 37-2-112).
- 3. On August 10, 2022, RMP filed the Application requesting CPCNs to: [i] acquire wind turbines and associated infrastructure for the Rock Creek I wind project, a new 190-megawatt wind energy facility; [ii] acquire wind turbines and associated infrastructure for the Rock Creek II wind project, a new 400-megawatt wind energy facility; [iii] construct upgrades to portions of its transmission system to interconnect the Rock Creek I and II wind projects.
- 4. On August 23, 2022, the Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers submitted a Petition to Intervene and Request for Hearing, which the Commission then granted via *Order* issued on September 2, 2022.
- 5. The Company's proposed Rock Creek I and Rock Creek II facilities are located in Carbon County and Albany County, Wyoming, East of the town of Arlington and South of the town of Rock River. The facilities are sited in the drainages of Cooper Creek and Four Mile Creek, which encompass Diamond Reservoir, King Reservoir Number 1, and Dutton Creek Reservoir, to the North of Interstate Highway 80. The proposed wind facilities each consist of: [i] wind turbine generators and tower

structures; [ii] an electrical collector system; [iii] a collector substation; [iv] access roads; [v] wind turbine generator foundations with base pads; [vi] an operation and maintenance building; [vii] communication equipment; [viii] a supervisory control and operating status data acquisition control system; [ix] main power transformers; [x] meteorological evaluation towers; and [xi] 230-kilovolt transmission lines from the wind facilities to existing substations.

- 6. The Company proposes to interconnect the Rock Creek I facility via an approximately 9-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line beginning at the wind facility's new collector substation and running generally northwest to the Company's Foote Creek substation located approximately three miles north of Arlington, Wyoming. The Company proposes to interconnect the Rock Creek II facility via an approximately 38-mile, 230-kilovolt transmission line beginning at the wind facility's new collector substation and running generally north/northwest to the Company's Aeolus substation located approximately 11 miles northwest of Medicine Bow.
- 7. The Company also proposes to construct upgrades to portions of its transmission system to interconnect the Rock Creek I and Rock Creek II wind facilities consisting of: [i] expansion of the existing Foote Creek substation; [ii] expansion of the existing Freezeout substation located approximately 10 miles northwest of Medicine Bow, Wyoming; [iii] expansion of the existing Aeolus substation; and [iv] construction of approximately 3.5 miles of 230-kilovolt transmission line from the Aeolus substation to the Freezeout substation.
- 8. The Company states the proposed wind projects are necessary resource additions, designed to fill short and longterm resource need, were selected as the least-cost, least-risk resources to meet the Company's resource need, reduce the Company's reliance on market purchases to meet load and are critical to ensure resource adequacy in the region. The Company estimates construction to begin in 2023, Rock Creek I to be in service in December 2024 and Rock Creek II to be in service in September 2025. The Company states the total cost of the wind projects and associated transmission system upgrades is expected to exceed one billion dollars. RMP states it intends to finance the proposed projects through its normal internal and external sources of capital.
- 9. All interested persons are encouraged to attend the public hearing which will be conducted in accordance with the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act, Wyoming Public Service Commission Rules. All interested persons may appear and be heard, in person, by video or telephone conference, or through counsel appearing in person or by video or telephone conference.

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10. If you wish to attend the hearing and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 (Voice or TTY) in Cheyenne during regular business hours or write them at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay (TTY) by dialing 711. Please mention Docket No. 20000-623-EN-22 in your correspondence.

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No. 1274

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Hot Springs County School District No. 1 will hold a special meeting in the Board Room, located at 415 Springview, Thermopolis, WY, at 5:30 p.m. on January 17, 2023. The purpose of the special meeting will be for a work session for new board members.

> /s/ Sherman Skelton Chairman, Board of Trustees

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No. 1276

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having occurred and all prerequisites to foreclosure having been met, notice is hereby given that the mortgage given by Michael Lee Farmer and Vivian Ann Farmer, husband and wife, mortgagors, in favor of Shoshone First Bank, mortgagee, dated December 13, 2005, recorded December 13, 2005, in Micro Book 115, at Page 983, in the Official Records of the Office of the Clerk of Hot Springs County, Wyoming, given to secure payment of a note in the original amount of Sixty Eight Thousand Dollars and 00/100 (\$68,000.00). Said note and mortgage were assigned to the Wyo-

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ming Community Development Authority by Assignment dated December 13, 2005, and recorded December 27, 2005, in Micro Book 116, at page 223, in the Official Records of the Office of the Clerk of Hot Springs County, Wyoming. The past amount due as of January 5, 2023, is Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and 51/100 (\$4,668.51), plus accruing interest, fees and costs, and the amount due as of January 5, 2023, is Forty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Four Dollars and 80/100 (\$47,374.80), 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:

 $THE \,WEST\,20\,FEET\,OF\,LOT\,3\,AND\,ALL$ OF LOT 4, IN BLOCK 55, OF RYAN'S AD-DITION TO THE TOWN OF THERMOPO-LIS, HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING. ALSO

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FACE OF THE EXISTING 6-INCH WIDE, 10-INCH HIGH, CONCRETE WALL; TO WIT. BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID BLOCK 55 (AND LOT 1 THEREOF); THENCE N. 88°49'09" W., ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID BLOCK, A DISTANCE OF 70.01 FEET TO THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF AFORE-MENTIONED PORTION OF SAID LOT 3, THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING, THENCE S. 1°13'48" W., A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST COR-NER OF AFOREMENTIONED PORTION OF SAID LOT 3; THENCE S. 88°48'18" E. ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF AFORE-MENTIONED PORTION OF SAID LOT 3. A DISTANCE OF 1.60 FEET, MORE OR LESS: THENCE N. 1°28'32" E., ALONG THE EAST FACE OF SAID CONCRETE WALL, A DISTANCE OF 70.00 FEET; THENCE N. 88°49'09" W., A DISTANCE OF 1.90 FEET, MORE OR LESS, TO THE TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING AS PREVI-OUSLY RECITED.

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> 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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