

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS
The Thermopolis Town Council met in regular session on October 21, 2025, at 7 pm at Town Hall. Present were Mayor Adam Estenson, Council members Tony Larson, John Dorman Sr., Rachel Hughes and Dusty Lewis. Also, present were Mayor/Codes Administrative Assistant Jim Jeunehomme, Clerk/Treasurer Tracey Van Heule, Public Works Director Basil Sorensen, Police Chief Pat Cornwell, Town Attorney Marshall Keller and Town Engineer Anthony Barnett.

AGENDA: Following the pledge of allegiance, Lewis made a motion, seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the agenda with the addition of an executive session, under Town Attorney, as allowed by Wyoming statute 16-4-405 (a)(iii).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT: Dorman made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to approve the financial statement for September 2025.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: ANTHONY BARNETT: DEVRIES MINOR SUBDIVISION: Barnett noted the proposed subdivision is within a half mile of town limits and that the county requires acknowledgement that the notification process has been followed. Dorman made a motion, seconded by Lewis and carried to allow the Mayor to sign the plat.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION: STEPHANIE BOREN: FIREWORKS REQUEST – FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS: Ms. Boren was not present. Chief Cornwell noted the request was to allow aerial fireworks after a touchdown and at the end of a game during the high school football playoffs. The request was approved by the Fire Department, State Park and School District. Lewis made a motion and Dorman seconded to approve the aerial firework request. Discussion ensued on where the fireworks would be ignited and by whom and having aerial fireworks at every game after a touchdown. Cornwell noted the Fire Department has been in charge in the past. Lewis amended his motion and Dorman amended his second to include allow aerial fireworks after a touchdown and at the end of the game for all high school football games. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: GMRG ACQ1, LLC: RESTAURANT LIQUOR LICENSE: Estenson opened the public hearing at 7:10pm. The Mayor called for comments, three times, no comments were made and the hearing was closed at 7:11pm. Larson made a motion seconded by Hughes and carried to approve the restaurant liquor license for GMRG ACQ1, LLC (Pizza Hut).

DEPARTMENT REPORTS: Hiring in dispatch, patching asphalt and water sampling were discussed. Barnett noted as part of the annual water testing, ten known lead lines were tested, and all were less than half of the allowable limit. In response to Dorman's question on the transfer station, Barnett noted he is working with the DEQ.

TOWN ATTORNEY: EXECUTIVE SESSION: At 7:13pm, Lewis made a motion, seconded by Larson and carried to enter into executive session as allowed by state statute 16-4-405 (a)(iii). The mayor and council returned to regular session at 7:26pm.

MAYOR & COUNCIL: Lewis noted he would like to review the Mayor's salary and Estenson noted the council salary should also be reviewed. At 7:29 Larson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Hughes and carried. The next Council meeting is November 4, 2025, at 7pm.

ATTEST:

Tracey Van Heule, Adam R. Estenson,
Clerk/Treasurer Mayor

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IN THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY, WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF)
THE ESTATE OF)
)
Rexford Wickenhauser)
a/k/a)
Rexford D. Wickenhauser)
)
Deceased.)

Civil Action No. 2025-CV-0000040

NOTICE OF PROBATE

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SAID ESTATE:

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that on October 5, 2025, the estate of the decedent was admitted for Probate of the Will and administration by the above-named Court, and that Fallon Clay, an associate attorney with Keller Law Firm PC, of 116 N. 5th Street, Thermopolis, WY 82443 was appointed Personal Representative thereof. Any action to set aside the Last Will and Testament and the appointment 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 the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the attorney for the Personal Representative at APEX Legal, PC, 1112 Robertson Ave., P.O. Box 552, Worland, WY 82401.

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 October 8, 2025.

James A. Michel Jr., Bar No. 6-3419
APEX Legal, PC
1112 Robertson Ave.
P.O. Box 552
Worland, WY 82401
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Attorney for the Personal Representative

Pub. Oct. 16, 23 & 30, 2025 No. 1966

STATE OF) OFFICE OF THE
WYOMING) BOARD OF
) COUNTY
COUNTY OF) COMMISSION
HOT SPRINGS) October 7, 2025

The Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners met in regular session on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Public Meeting Room at the Government Annex. Present were Commissioners Tom Ryan, Bob Aguiar and Paul Galovich. Also present were County Clerk Becky Kersten, County Attorney Jill Logan and Administrative Assistant to the Commissioners Connie Guntly. Chairman Ryan led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Agenda – The Commissioners approved the Agenda with the following additions:

Item 12. Gary Frazier 12.b. Lisa Vice Letter

Item 3. Shane Rankin 3.a. Black Mountain Road Update

Approval of Minutes – The Commissioners approved the minutes from September 16, 2025 meeting.

Approval of Bills Accounts Payable (AP) Warrant Register – The Commissioners approved the Accounts Payable Warrant Register numbers 68231 through 68349 for \$1,512,608.77. Discussion: Chairman Ryan will recuse himself from Warrant No. 68312. Clerk Kersten stated payroll totaled \$225,928.97.

Review and Possible Approval of Brand Guidelines/ Visual Identity – Only Co. representative presented a positioning guide for approval, which included a logo, and the cover page for the website to market the Overlook at Roundtop. Ms. Michalek also reported the video is 95% complete. Commissioner Galovich moved to approve the logo on page 20. Commissioner Aguiar seconded the motion. Chairman Ryan stated the logo is easier to view online and suggested approving the entire packet. Commissioner Galovich amended his motion to approve the logo and the entire packet and recommendations for the Overlook at Roundtop. Commissioner Aguiar seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Request for Approval of Professional Services Agreement with Ardurra for Engineering Services, Overlook at Roundtop – Ardurra Engineering representative, presented the Professional Services Agreement for the Overlook at Roundtop. Mr. Rowley went over a few minor changes from his previous discussion with the Commissioners at their last meeting. Chairman Ryan inquired about the estimate for EA engineers, Mr. Rowley stated since they are the Town's Engineers and know the utility layouts Ardurra will consult with them regarding utilities for the project. The Commissioners approved the Professional Services Agreement for the Overlook at Roundtop for a total of \$124,890.72. Discussion: Clerk Kersten verified these services will be covered by the Wyoming Business Council grant, Chairman Ryan stated it will be.

Road and Bridge Monthly Report – The Road and Bridge crew finished fire operations last month, Missouri Flats road was patched, and fall mowing operations are continuing. a. Black Mountain Road Update – Work is continuing and a pavement test strip was conducted. Paving on the east side of the road will begin shortly.

Wind River Alternate Route Study Presentation – FHU engineers, consultants for WYDOT, presented the Wind River Corridor Study to the Commissioners. Mr. DeVries went over the project and the process. The project includes studies of the Wind River Canyon (geohazards and geotechnical), and an analysis of redundant routes that can be open if the Wind River Canyon was closed. The Commissioners expressed appreciation that the study includes the geohazards and geotechnical within the Wind River corridor to keep the highway open and safe. Some additional comments from the Commissioners included not bypassing Thermopolis if a redundant route is considered, the corridor's use for tourism, recreation, com-

muting, and mail, the railroad, and access to the Big Horn Basin. Mr. DeVries stated a website would be available soon for public input.

Fixed Based Operator (FBO) Monthly Report – There were 312 total recorded operations at the airport. Fuel sales included 1,054.35 gallons of Avgas and 4,227.67 gallons of Jet Fuel. Mr. Messenger reported the FCC radio licenses were renewed, and the SCR block of the PAPI control box was replaced. Exterior lights need to be replaced on the pilot's lounge building and in the parking lot. Mr. Messenger is researching quotes for the lights, and with the Commissioners' go ahead, will move forward with the most reasonable price. a. DBT Transportation Aviation Support and Maintenance Services Order Summary – Mr. Messenger reviewed and does not have any concerns; this company is the only one performing these services in this area. The Commissioners approved the DBT Transportation Aviation Support and Maintenance Services, effective October 1, 2025 through September 30, 2028 for a total of \$21,543 (\$7,181 annually). Discussion: Mr. Messenger explained the AWOS system is for weather reporting and broadcasting, DBT maintains the system; the County owns the equipment, but WYDOT will reimburse for the maintenance to ensure it works.

Planner/Project Manager Monthly Report – The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is looking into the Small Wastewater Treatment System application statement and is in conversations with the State Attorney General's office. Mr. Culliton will report back when he receives further information. Owl Creek Engineering is reviewing the Red Rim Ranch roads. There is one application for a Land Use Change in the office for review. Natural Resource Planning Committee (NRPC) met on September 10, 2025. Logan Triplett representing Wyo-Ben, presented to the group regarding the company's mining operations. NRPC will not meet in October. Land Use Planning Commission did not hold a meeting in September and elected not to hold a meeting in October.

Maintenance Monthly Report – The maintenance crew has been working on blowing out sprinklers and fixing the Emergency Operations Control Center generator. a. Review and Possible Action of Ferguson Roofing Estimates for Common Ground and Extension Building – Mr. Dorman presented the estimates to the Commissioners for their information, for future reference, and is not seeking funding for the roofs at this time. Commissioner Galovich inquired about the timeline for the roofs and if they are leaking now. Mr. Dorman stated the Extension Office is leaking a little bit on the flat part. Chairman Ryan suggested working it into next year's budget. Clerk Kersten stated she would talk to the insurance company. b. Review and Possible Action of Jadeco Estimates for Common Ground and Extension Building – Quotes were presented to the Commissioner for their information regarding installation of new gutter heat trace on each building.

Update from Wyoming Association of County Officers (WACO) Meeting – Chairman Ryan, Clerk Kersten, and Attorney Logan attended the meeting along with other Hot Springs County elected officers. Each Association had individual meetings to discuss County issues. Chairman Ryan was awarded the "Riding for the Brand," Commissioner of the Year, award. County Attorney Logan and Clerk Kersten both discussed the value of the educational/training seminars provided for elected officials outside the individual meetings.

Prevention/Public Health Update – Flu Clinics were held in September. The department had one nurse resign, but Mr. Mohr hopes to add a Maternal Child Health (MCH) nurse. Mondays and Wednesdays are clinic days for vaccinations. Prevention is working with school counselors to get Sources of Strength in the middle school and high school.

Review of Application Process – The Planner presented his professional opinion regarding the application process. Mr. Culliton explained he attached a section from the Land Use Plan to his memo supporting his decision not to accept an application. In regards to changing the process of the Land Use Plan, Mr. Culliton suggest a formal amendment to the Land Use Plan, or an adoption of a new governing document.

Discussion of County Collection of the Tipi Penalty – Larry Bentley stated he is concerned the County is not collecting the court-ordered penalty from the Tipi Retreat. Mr. Bentley inquired as to the Commissioners' plan to collect the fine. Attorney Logan stated she would like approval from the Commissioners before enforcing collection. The Commissioners approved to collect the penalty at \$500 a month until there is resolution. Discussion: Commissioner Aguiar stated in a previous meeting this Commission agreed not to go against the Judge's ruling. Chairman Ryan stated this Commission agreed not to appeal. Commissioner Aguiar agreed stating other items might come up in the future, but at this point, they should follow the judge's ruling. Motion carried, with Commissioners Aguiar and Ryan in favor and

Commissioner Galovich opposed.

Formal Comment on Tipi Ranch Actions by the Commissioners – Gary Frazier outlined three points to present to the Commissioners. The first was concern regarding collection of the Tipi Retreat penalty. The second point, Mr. Frazier's intent to submit a demand letter to seek full re-imbursement of his attorney fees for the petition to review the Commissioners' actions. Lastly, Mr. Frazier's demand for Commissioners Galovich and Aguiar to recuse themselves from any further involvement with Tipi LLC matters. Chairman Ryan stated the board already addressed the collection of the penalty, and if Mr. Frazier is to submit a demand letter, Attorney Logan will review the letter. Commissioner Galovich stated he would not recuse himself from this issue. Commissioner Aguiar stated he would not recuse himself. a. Letter from Chris Culp – This letter was read into the minutes by Clerk Kersten, requesting Commissioners Galovich and Aguiar recuse themselves from all matters concerning the Stevens and Tipi Retreat. b. Letter from Lisa Vice – This letter was read into the minutes by Clerk Kersten, requesting Commissioners Galovich and Aguiar recuse themselves from all matters concerning the Tipi Retreat.

Update for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Request for Approval of Letter Regarding the Arapahoe Property – An update was provided regarding the environmental studies conducted on the Arapahoe Street properties. The final reports are being generated and the results do not seem to impede the County's ability to move forward with the grant application. Ms. Guntly stated the CDBG representatives suggested the County draft a letter stating the Commissioners have no intent to develop the Arapahoe property at this time. The Commissioners approved for all three Commissioners' signatures on the letter addressed to the Wyoming Community Development Authority, relating to the Community Development Block Grant for \$800,000. Discussion: The letter states the County has no intention of development, only to use the grant funds for slum and blight mitigation.

Request for Approval of Fiscal Year End 6/30/2025 Statement of Receipts and Expenditures – This report is required per state statute and is a summation of the Treasurer and Clerk abstracts sent to the Department of Audit. The Commissioners approved the Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, with total revenue of \$9,036,274 and expenditures of \$10,467,597. Discussion: Clerk Kersten stated the expenditure exceed the revenue due the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF) received in prior years held in reserves and expended in 24-25.

Other Business – 1) Appointment of Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center (BHBND) Board Member (One Applicant, One Opening) – The Commissioners appointed Shurie Scheel to the BHBND Board. Motion carried with Chairman Ryan and Commissioner Galovich in favor and Commissioner Aguiar opposed. 2) Request for Approval to Lift the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions in Hot Springs County, Resolution No. 2025-09, Rescinding Fire Restrictions in Hot Springs County – The Commissioners lifted the Stage 1 Fire Restrictions and approved Resolution No. 2025-09, Rescinding Fire Restrictions in Hot Springs County. 3) Request for Approval of WYDOT Reimbursement (RFR) No. 12, Black Mountain Road Engineering Services – The Commissioners approved RFR No. 12, Black Mountain Road Engineering services, for a total of \$22,523.43 (WYDOT Reimburses \$19,144.92; County Pays \$3,378.51). 4) Request for Approval of SLIB Grant Draft Request No. 1, Black Mountain Road Construction – The Commissioners approved the SLIB Draft Request No. 1, Black Mountain Road Construction for a total of \$119,293.02 (State Loan and Investment Board, SLIB, Reimburses \$31,016.19; County \$88,276.83). Discussion: Clerk Kersten explained the "County Portion" will be submitted to WYDOT for reimbursement, as shown on WYDOT RFR No. 13. 5) Request for Approval of WYDOT Reimbursement No. 13, Black Mountain Road Construction – The Commissioners approved the RFR No. 13, Black Mountain Road construction for a total of \$88,276.83 (WYDOT Reimburses \$75,035.31; County Pays \$13,241.52).

Correspondence – 1) Black Mountain Road Weekly Update – September 15 thru September 21, 2025; 2) Hot Springs County Rural Water Joint Powers Board Minutes – August 2025; 3) Hot Springs County Museum Board Minutes – August 2025; 4) Big Horn Basin Nature and Discovery Center Board Agenda – September 2025; 5) Email from Michael Stevens – Resubmittal of New Applications

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

Adjournment – The meeting ad-

News briefs from around Wyoming

From Wyoming News Exchange newspapers

Gordon stands with Wyoming beef producers

SHERIDAN (WNE) — Gov. Mark Gordon noted recent discussions regarding the potential increase in beef imports from Argentina has generated understandable concern among Wyoming cattle ranchers and their counterparts nationwide.

The governor understands the short-term impacts of these discussions have had a destabilizing impact on cattle markets at this strategic time when many Wyoming producers are marketing their animals.

“Our livestock producers take great pride in supplying U.S. beef, and while prices at the store are currently unusually high, we should look at domestic solutions to increase the number of U.S. raised beef. Increasing our reliance on cattle imports is not the best answer for our ranchers, farmers or U.S. consumers,” Gordon said.

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Brooke Rollins issued on Wednesday a comprehensive plan intended to “expedite de-regulatory reforms, boost processing capacity” and work “across the government to fix longstanding common-sense barriers for ranchers.”

Gordon said in a press release he looks forward to working with Rollins, Secretary of Interior Doug Burgum and other administrative leaders to implement the portions of this plan that will strengthen Wyoming’s cattle industry.

“Wyoming’s local producers produce some of the most high-quality beef, which significant-

ly contributes to national beef production efforts,” Gordon said.

Developing local strategies for the cattle industry that will ensure sustained success and accessibility for all American consumers is one of the issues the governor expects the recently-appointed Cowboy State Agricultural Initiative Working Group to address, Gordon said.

Traveling CNA found guilty of criminally negligent homicide in death of Legacy resident

GILLETTE (WNE) — A jury declined to charge a Certified Nursing Assistant, 57-year-old Bernard David Hale, with involuntary manslaughter for the death of Judith Duvall, a resident at the Legacy Living and Rehabilitation Center.

Instead, the jury opted last week to downgrade Hale’s charges to criminally negligent homicide, a misdemeanor punishable by up to a year in prison, a \$2,000 fine or both. The manslaughter charge would have been punishable by up to 20 years in prison.

The jury released its verdict Thursday night.

Hale was the primary CNA responsible for overseeing one of two memory care units at the Legacy the night Duvall, 88, walked out of the facility and into a fenced-in exterior courtyard, where she fell and was unable to get up. Hale deactivated the alarm Duvall had triggered by punching in a door code, and Duvall was later found dead due to hypothermia.

During his testimony Wednesday, Hale said

he’d never experienced anything during several decades of working in similar facilities like the incident with Duvall.

“I’ve never been through something like that before, and it messed with me,” Hale said. “It really messed with me.”

Criminally negligent homicide indicates a person caused the death of another person — as opposed to “killed,” which would constitute involuntary manslaughter — through a “gross deviation from the standard of care that a reasonable person would exercise,” according to Wyoming statute.

Dead airman ID’d as man under investigation in another airman’s death

CHEYENNE (WNE) — Air Force authorities have identified the airman found dead earlier this month, stating in a news release Friday that he is the same airman who was under investigation in connection with another on-base death in July.

Airman 1st Class Marcus White Allen was discovered dead on base at approximately 8 a.m. Oct. 8, according to officials with the 90th Missile Wing at F.E. Warren Air Force Base. He was being investigated as a suspect in the death of Airman Brayden Lovan, 21, in July.

White Allen was suspected of involuntary manslaughter and making a false official statement in connection with the July incident, according to a statement from the wing released Friday. Officials say that the incident remains under in-

vestigation.

“Authorities are actively reviewing the July 2025 incident and White Allen’s death to determine the full circumstances of each,” the statement read.

Following Lovan’s death in July, White Allen was arrested for allegedly making a false statement that Lovan had died after sustaining fatal wounds from the misfiring of a Sig Sauer M18.

The statement led Air Force authorities to order a temporary halt to the use of the firearm, out of an “abundance of caution,” requiring all Air Force Global Strike Command bases to conduct 100% inspections of the handguns and identify any immediate safety concerns.

The suspension remained in place even after White Allen’s arrest until the inspections and subsequent reports were complete. The temporary ban was lifted on Aug. 25, revealing discrepancies in 191 weapons, mainly related to component wear.

It is unclear at this time what led up to the deaths of both Lovan and White Allen.

Lander Police Department investigates bomb threat at Wyoming Catholic College

LANDER (WNE) — The day after a suspected explosive device was found at the state Capitol, Lander Police responded to reports of a possible bomb threat at the Wyoming Catholic College.

The Lander Police Department received an email Thursday indicating “a possible bomb

threat directed at the Wyoming Catholic College,” LPD Interim Police Chief Kelly Waugh said in a statement.

“Out of an abundance of caution, officers immediately responded and began a thorough investigation in coordination with the Wyoming Department of Investigation and Federal Bureau of Investigation,” the release said.

Officials assessed, secured and contained “affected” locations at the college, Waugh explained, and the areas were searched, but no explosive devices or credible threats were found.

The email threat was deemed a hoax similar to other threats made along the East Coast in recent months.

“The LPD would like our community to know that we take every threat seriously to ensure the safety of our community,” Waugh said. “Officers acted quickly and professionally to verify that there was no danger to the public.”

The LPD is continuing to investigate. Anyone with information regarding the identity of the person who made the email threat is encouraged to contact the department at 307-332-3401.

Lummis introduces COAL Act during Senate ‘Coal Week’

CHEYENNE (WNE) — U.S. Sen. Cynthia Lummis, R-Wyo., on Thursday led U.S. Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo. in introducing the Combating Obstruction Against Leasing Act.

This legislation, if passed into law, would codify President Donald

Trump’s coal executive order, directing the Secretary of the Interior to expedite coal leasing processes and eliminate administrative delays related to qualified coal lease application.

The COAL Act comes during National Coal Week, a resolution led by Senator Lummis to honor the nation’s coal industry.

“During National Coal Week, we are recognizing the tireless industry that powers our lives, and that starts with ensuring our coal producers can get projects moving quickly,” Lummis said in a news release. “The COAL Act would officially end the Biden and Obama administrations’ relentless war on coal and restore Wyoming coal as a cornerstone of America’s energy dominance.”

“Coal is one of the most reliable and affordable sources of baseload power in the country,” said Barrasso. “We need to ensure we have consistent and predictable access to our federal coal resources. Senator Lummis’ COAL Act will prevent future administrations from playing politics and blocking production of this vital energy resource.”

Specifically, the bill directs the Department of the Interior to do the following:

Publish environmental assessments and implementing regulations for pending applications

Finalize fair market valuations of coal tracts

Complete all intermediate steps necessary to approve leases

Issue final lease approvals without unnecessary delay If passed, the bill would also nullify Secretarial Order 3338, issued in 2016, which imposed a moratorium on new federal coal leases.

Public notices

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jourined at 11:49 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Hot Springs County Board of Commissioners will be held on November 4, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., at the Hot Springs County Annex building, 117 N. 4th St. Thermopolis. The public is invited to attend in person, or view the meeting via Zoom through the link provided on the County website. To be placed on the Agenda please email Connie Guntly, Administrative Assistant to the Board of County Commissioners at connie.guntly@hscounty.com. Per Wyoming Statute section 18-3-516 (f), County information can be obtained at the County website <https://hscounty.com/> or by requesting a Public Records form from the County Clerk’s office.

ATTEST:

/s/Thomas J Ryan, /s/Becky Kersten,
Chairman County Clerk

BILLS – September 2025
SIGN SOLUTIONS USA, LLC 1,028.88 / THERMOPOLIS - HOT SPRINGS 225.00 / NATIONAL SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION 125.00 / WYOMING LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 2,025.30 / 911 DATAMASTER, LLC 1,300.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY LIBRARY 14,500.00 / VERNON W. MILLER, M.D., PC 1,350.00 / ENTERPRISES TECHNOLOGY SERVICES 58.80 / ALLEGIANCE BENEFIT PLAN MANGT, INC. 57,229.78 / ARDURRA GROUP, INC. 43,765.13 / ARTHUR BLACKBURN III 28.42 / CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS 139.98 / BALDRIDGE ENTERPRISES LLC 8,275.00 / BARTON STAM 165.20 / BIG HORN WATER 196.50 / AMERITAS LIFE INSURANCE CORP. 387.20 / CANON FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC. 135.68 / CARDINAL HEALTH 110, LLC 5,019.99 / CHRISTOPHER J. KING, P.C. 400.00 / CITY SERVICE VALCON 16,576.39 / CITY SERVICE VALCON 16.00 / THERMOPOLIS HARDWARE 554.47 / THERMAL SUPPLEMENTAL INS. 18.70 / VERIZON WIRELESS 37.01 / VERIZON WIRELESS 122.72 / D & A CONSTRUCTION, INC. 800.00 / DEERE CREDIT, INC. 1,420.65 / DISCOVER THERMOPOLIS 78.92 / FERGUSON ROOFING 3,365.00 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 48,870.56 / U.S. FOODS 4,227.57 / GOTTSCHETHERAPY REHABWELNESS 110.00 / HIGH PLAINS POWER 532.87 / HOLIDAY INN 220.00 /

HOLLY TURBYFILL 378.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SCHOOL DIST. #1 6,000.04 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY FAIR BOARD 22,500.00 / HSC RURAL WATER JOINT POWERS BOARD 1,000.00 / HOT SPRINGS COUNTY HEALTH INS ACCT 87,992.97 / HOT SPRINGS HEALTH RED ROCK 230.00 / HOT SPRINGS CO. SCHOOL DIST #1 6,011.71 / THERMOPOLIS INDEPENDENT RECORD 2,733.40 / INLAND TRUCK PARTS & SERVICE 151.09 / INTELCHOICE, INC. 8,685.32 / JADECO, INC. 6,519.51 / JENNIFER CHENEY 325.58 / JULIE MORTIMORE 327.37 / KELLER LAW FIRM, PC 1,280.00 / KOCH FILTER 957.64 / KRISTINA D. MCNEFF 181.16 / LONABOUGH AND RIGGS, LLP 3,425.25 / MACK'S MARKET, INC. 474.41 / THE MASTER'S TOUCH, LLC 989.70 / MODERN IMAGING SOLUTIONS 269.70 / NACFTFO TREASURER 100.00 / ONLY CO LLC 30,000.00 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 384.01 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 392.23 / O'REILLY AUTO PARTS 7.33 / OFFICE SHOP INC. 69.59 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 11,405.02 / OWL CREEK AVIATION, LLC 1,848.71 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 6,380.06 / PINNACLE BANK OF THERMOPOLIS 4,518.00 / POSTMASTER 312.00 / PREVENTIVE HEALTH & SAFETY DIVISION 84.00 / CENTURY LINK 441.74 / RAPID FIRE PROTECTION, INC 250.00 / RAW-HIDE MECHANICAL, INC. 3,016.40 / RANGE 2,922.41 / SADY MOUNTS 50.00 / SANOFI PASTEUR, INC. 7,911.23 / SERLKAY 161.27 / SHAWN MOHR 377.20 / SHERIDAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 200.00 / SKAGGS COMPANIES, INC. 299.00 / SMITH PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES 400.00 / THE STANDARD INS. CO. 2,260.97 / STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE 500.00 / TEPEE POOLS 168.00 / THERMO SCIENTIFIC PORTABLE 39,770.00 / THOMAS J. RYAN 274.40 / T-MOBILE 62.13 / TOWN OF THERMOPOLIS 1,797.50 / TRAVELING COMPUTERS, INC. 7,673.88 / WYOMING DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 50.00 / TRI COUNTY TELEPHONE ASSOC, INC 649.45 / TW ENTERPRISES, INC. 8,319.22 / VERIZON WIRELESS 96.04 / VERIZON 37.01 / VERIZON WIRELESS 37.56 / HOT SPRINGS PHARMACY 182.95 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD ONE) 164.07 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA-CARD TWO) 676.00 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD THREE) 31.54 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD FOUR) 101.00 / PINNACLE BANK

(VISA CARD FIVE) 1,569.21 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SIX) 1,052.54 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD SEVEN) 645.26 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD EIGHT) 371.83 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD NINE) 2,275.82 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 1-SHERIFF) 229.29 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 2-SHERIFF) 839.49 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 3-SHERIFF) 2,699.34 / PINNACLE BANK (VISA CARD 4-SHERIFF) 1,735.23 / WEBSTaurantStore 1,818.08 / WILSON BROTHERS CONSTRUCTION INC. 946,395.52 / WYOMING DEPT. OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 3,451.58 / GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC 4,480.00 / WYOMING GAS 2,704.00 / WYOMING HEALTH FAIRS 130.00 / WYONET INC. 517.95 / WYO RETIREMENT SYSTEM 42,578.55 / 036-NCPERS GROUP LIFE INS. 336.00 / WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 225.00 / WYO TEE'S 30.00 / R&A SAFETY LLC 115.00 / WYOMING WASTE SERVICES-RIVERTON 87.59 / YOUTH ALTERNATIVES 200.00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission’s (Commission) Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Rocky Mountain Power (RMP or the Company) for authority to reduce the Carbon Capture Compliance Charge (Schedule 198) from 0.12% to 0.05% per month, and find the Company prudently incurred the costs sustained between September 2024 and August 2025, pursuant to Wyoming Statutes §§ 37-18-101 and 37-18-102 and Commission Rules Chapter 3, Section 38, regarding low-carbon portfolio standards.

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 subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction. Wyo. Stat. §§ 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C) and 37-2-112.

2. On October 1, 2025, RMP filed an Application to reduce the Schedule 198 rate from 0.12% to 0.05% per month on an interim basis, beginning January 1, 2026. Schedule 198 is a balancing account mechanism that tracks incremental costs to comply with low carbon ener-

gy portfolio standard requirements, and revenues collected through a monthly carbon capture compliance surcharge that is based on forecasted costs. RMP requests the decrease as the projected \$422,000 in annual revenue, the \$4.2 million Schedule 198 ending balance, and receipt of \$6,278,075.26 from the Wyoming Energy Authority’s Wyoming Energy Matching Funds will provide adequate revenue for future investigations into the economic and technical feasibility of carbon capture at Jim Bridger Units 3 and 4.

3. RMP states Schedule 198 collected \$1.6 million in revenue, \$322,409 in deferred costs, and an over collection of \$4.2 million. RMP requests the Commission find the costs incurred from September 2024 through August 2025 to comply with the low carbon energy portfolio standard requirements prudently incurred. These costs include the EMF reimbursement and consultant fees for conducting Phase 1 of the Bridger FEED study and internal travel expenses for developing and submitting the final plan.

4. This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect it at the Commission’s office or online at: <https://dms.wyo.gov/external/publicusers.aspx> (Enter Record No. 17983).

5. Anyone wishing to file a statement, intervention petition, protest or request for a public hearing in this matter must do so in writing filed with the Commission on or before November 21, 2025. 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. Please be sure to mention Docket No. 20000-693-EM-25 in all correspondence with the Commission.

6. 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.

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