Powder River Energy Corporation

Application

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION SUNDANCE, WYOMING, TO REVISE ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS AND TARIFF RATE SHEETS

DOCKET NO. 10014-177176-CT-16

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Powder River Energy Corporation, "the Applicant" named herein and sometimes herein called "the Cooperative", hereby respectfully requests an order from the Wyoming Public Service Commission, sometimes herein called "the Commission", approving the proposed Rules and Regulations and Tariff Rate Sheets incorporated herein as Wyoming PSC Tariff No. 7, Revised Rules and Regulations Sections I through X (excluding Section III - Security Deposits) and Revised Tariff Rate Sheets 1 through 42, to be effective at the Commission's convenience.

In support of its application, the Applicant sets forth the following:

- The Applicant is a non-profit Cooperative electric utility organized and existing under, and by virtue of, the laws of the State of Wyoming. The Cooperative, pursuant to the laws of the State of Wyoming, is qualified to do business as a corporation within the State of Wyoming.
- 2. The Applicant has existing Rules and Regulations and Tariff Rate Sheets, hereafter referred to as "Tariffs", in effect and on file with the Commission. The proposed revisions to the Applicants Tariffs have been clearly marked herein and are attached

as **Exhibits 1**, **2**, **3** and **4**, and a summary of the revisions is provided as **Exhibit 5**. The supportive testimony of Jeffery Bumgarner, Vice-President of Member Service, Powder River Energy Corporation, is attached as **Exhibit 6**.

- 3. The enclosed revisions to the Applicant's Tariffs are in response to and in accordance with the actions required in the Commission's Docket No. 90000-125-XO-15 (Record No. 14272), the adoption of Chapters 1 through 5 of the Wyoming Public Service Commission revised Rules and Regulations, and specifically Chapter 3, Section 25 (Conformance with Revised Commission Rules and Regulations). This fling is pursuant to the Commission's July 14, 2016, order forbearing the enforcement of Chapter 3, Section 25 of its Rules and Regulations until September 30, 2016, allowing time for Wyoming regulated utilities to file conforming tariffs and to make other appropriate tariff revisions.
- 4. In preparation for this filing, Powder River Energy Corporation personnel participated in a series of meetings with the Commission staff and representatives from Wyoming's other rural electric cooperatives. The objectives of these meetings was the development of, to the extent possible, standardized language on a number of Rules and Regulation topics that are 1) covered topics within the Commission's revised rules, 2) less open for individual interpretation by individual utilities, and 3) are generally common areas of regulation across electric utilities. Herein referred to as model tariffs, this filing and its proposed Tariff amendments represent an incorporation of that work, to the extent warranted, a realignment with the

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Commission's revised tariffs, and specific amendments to the Applicant's Tariffs that are requested to help clarify Tariff language, represent Tariff amendments requested by the Applicant to more effectively manage its business, or are administrative in nature.

- The Applicant has posted on its website, <u>www.precorp.coop</u>, the amendments to its Tariffs being proposed within this Application in a form that highlights each change. In addition, the Cooperative will notify its members by referring them to its website by notice in the Cooperative's October 2016 member newsletter.
- 6. Communications in regard to this Application are to be addressed to Mr. Michael E. Easley, Chief Executive Officer for the Applicant, Post Office Box 930, Sundance, Wyoming 82729 and Mr. Mark L. Hughes, Attorney for the Applicant, Post Office Box 456, Sundance, Wyoming 82729.
- 7. The Cooperative is respectfully requesting changes to its Tariffs effective at the Commission's convenience, pursuant to the attached testimony and exhibits, and that such changes are contained in this filing and by reference are hereby made a part of this application.

Dated at Sundance, Wyoming, this 30th day of September, 2016.

POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

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Michael E. Easley Chief Executive Officer