

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  
SMALL POWER PRODUCTION TARIFF

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DOCKET No. 10014-167-CT-15

APPLICATION

COMES NOW, Powder River Energy Corporation, the Applicant named herein and sometimes herein called the "COOPERATIVE," and hereby respectfully requests an order from the Public Service Commission of the State of Wyoming, sometimes herein called the "COMMISSION," granting the applicant authority to revise its Small Power Production (SPP) rate tariff, as set forth in the exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference.

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

1. The Applicant is a non-profit cooperative electric utility organized, 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 Cooperative is duly authorized to generate, manufacture, purchase, acquire, and transmit electric energy, sell supplies and dispose of electric energy in its certificated territory.
3. 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.

4. The rates charged by the Cooperative for its electric service have been established and placed in effect under appropriate Orders of the Commission.
5. The Cooperative represents it is a Class A member of Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“Basin”), Bismarck, North Dakota, and therefore purchases all of its power requirements through agreements and contracts with Basin.
6. In this application, the Cooperative is requesting authority to revise its existing rate tariff, the Small Power Production (SPP) rate tariff.
7. The SPP rate is an optional rate that applies to residential customers who install facilities for the purpose of generating electric power. Under the rate schedule, the Cooperative pays the customer for all kWh generated per month at its avoided cost as required by the Public Utilities Regulatory Policies Act of 1978.
8. The Cooperative’s avoided cost is equal to Basin’s published avoided cost for its Western System. Basin’s published avoided cost of delivery to its Class A members located in the Western System for 2016 is \$0.0135 per kWh (Exhibit A).
9. The Cooperative’s current SPP rate on its Tariff Rate Rider, sheet number 1C, is \$0.0130 per kWh. The Cooperative therefore requests the authority to increase the rate available under its Small Power Production rate from \$0.0130 to \$0.0135 per kWh to reflect Basin’s published avoided cost for 2016.
10. The Cooperative currently has 28 members utilizing the Small Power Production rate. These members are both residential and commercial.
11. The attached Exhibit B shows the proposed revision to the Applicant’s Small Power Production rate on its Tariff Rate Rider.

**WHEREFORE**, Powder River Energy Corporation respectfully requests this Commission make its Order authorizing the Cooperative to revise its Small Power Production (SPP) Tariff as set out in this filing. The Applicant further respectfully requests that the new rate tariffs become effective for billings on or after January 10, 2016.

Dated at Sundance, Wyoming, this 23rd day of November 2015.

POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Easley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping flourish at the end.

Michael E. Easley  
Chief Executive Officer