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Re: IN THE MATTER OF POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION's FILING OF AN
ASSURANCE OF PERFORMANCE CONTRACT - DOCKET NO. 10014-173-CK-16
(RECORD NO. 14485)

LETTER ORDER
(Issued May 18, 2018)

Dear Mr. Easley:

On September 12, 2016, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-3-111 and Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 31, Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) filed a confidential Agreement For Assurance of Performance Contract (Contract).

PRECorp also filed a *Petition for Confidential Treatment (Petition)* requesting confidential treatment of the Contract stating it contains financial information which the member and PRECorp maintain as private, and could potentially be used to breach the security measures the two companies use to maintain confidential customer information.

Commission Rule Chapter 2, Section 30 provides, in part:

- (a) Upon, petition, and for good cause shown, the Commission shall deem confidential any information filed with the Commission or in the custody of the Commission or staff which is shown to be of the nature described in Wyoming Statute § 16-4-203(a), (b), (d) or (g). All information for which confidential treatment is requested shall

be treated as confidential until the Commission rules whether, and to what extent, the information shall be given confidential treatment.

PRECorp's Contract and *Petition* came before the Commission pursuant to due notice at its Open Meeting on May 17, 2018. Commission Counsel recommended accepting the Contract for filing and granting the *Petition*.

The Commission's authorization to place the Contract in its files does not constitute the Commission's determination of any utility rate making issues whatsoever, which issues are expressly reserved for decision until they are presented regularly to the Commission in appropriate proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken May 17, 2018, Powder River Energy Corporation's Agreement For Assurance of Performance Contract is accepted for filing.
2. Powder River Energy Corporation's *Petition for Confidential Treatment* is granted.
3. This *Letter Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on May 18, 2018.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



JOHN S. BURBRIDGE, Assistant Secretary