

Docket No. 20000-400-EA-11
Witness: Chad A. Teply

BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION

ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER

Rebuttal Testimony of Chad A. Teply

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1 Q. Are you the same Chad A. Teply who submitted direct testimony in this
2 proceeding?

3 A. Yes.

4 **Purpose of Testimony**

5 Q. What is the purpose of this testimony?

6 A. The purpose of this testimony is to provide the Commission with updated
7 information regarding the Company's continued evaluation and analysis of the
8 pollution control equipment investments, as well as alternative compliance
9 options, for the Naughton Unit 3 facility undertaken since the Company filed its
10 Application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity ("CPCN") for
11 the subject pollution control projects in September of 2011.

12 Q. Please summarize your testimony in this proceeding?

13 A. The Company has continued its evaluation and analysis in light of changing
14 conditions and best available information, while also addressing the issues raised
15 by parties in this docket. Based upon the results of the Company's continued
16 assessment, the Company has arrived at an alternative decision to pursue gas
17 conversion at the Naughton Unit 3 facility rather than invest in environmental
18 control technologies as originally proposed in the Application. My testimony
19 provides background information as to what key drivers and assumptions have
20 changed since the time of the Application and how they have impacted analysis
21 results. My testimony will also set forth details supporting the alternate gas
22 conversion approach that the Company has determined to be in the best interest of
23 its customers, indentifying key processes that will need to be pursued outside of

1 the CPCN process.

2 **Q. Does the Company believe that this CPCN docket has resulted in the**
3 **opportunity for customers and stakeholders to meaningfully review the**
4 **proposed environmental compliance projects?**

5 A. Yes. In accordance with Article 13.b of the Stipulation and Agreement
6 (“Stipulation”) approved by the Public Service Commission of Wyoming in
7 Docket No. 20000-384-ER-10 as it pertains to Major Plant Investments, the
8 Company believes that the Naughton Unit 3 CPCN docket has allowed the
9 Company and parties to participate in a process that affords the parties and the
10 Commission an opportunity to meaningfully review, before construction, whether
11 the proposed capital expenditures for Naughton Unit 3 are reasonable, prudent
12 and in the public interest. The Company believes that the alternative decision
13 described herein represents a thoroughly reviewed and favorable result of this
14 process for customers and stakeholders.

15 **Q. What is the most important factor that has driven the Company’s alternative**
16 **decision?**

17 A. The most important factor in the Company’s alternative decision is the assumption
18 of forecast natural gas prices. Since the Company’s original Application filing,
19 actual forward natural gas market prices have continued to decline and longer
20 term natural gas price forecasts provided by third party experts have followed
21 suit. The impacts of this key input assumption will be discussed at length in the
22 Company’s testimony.

