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2021 Major Project Addition (MPA) Filing Requirements
Pryor Mountain Wind Project and TB Flats Wind Projects

MPA Filing Requirement R746-700-30.D.2

Cost and Operating Expenses Information:
Information on all clearances, permits or other government regulatory authorizations necessary, to be modified and completed for the plant and their associated costs.

Response to MPA Filing Requirement R746-700-30.D.2

Pryor Mountain Wind Project
PacifiCorp obtained a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for the project from the Carbon County Planning Department (Montana). The CUP was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

A building permit was obtained from the Montana Business Standards Division for the project operations and maintenance (O&M) building. The permit was obtained by the project construction contractor as part of the project development costs.

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Determination of Hazard approvals were required for air hazard clearances. The FAA does not charge for performing aviation hazard determinations.

A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) permit was obtained for construction of the project from the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Montana Sage Grouse Oversight Team. The SWPPP was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs. PacifiCorp pays an annual fee of $2,100 for each year the permit is open.

An Incidental Eagle Take Permit application was submitted to the United States (U.S.) Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). The permit fee was $36,000.

A May 2019 agreement with the Montana Sage Grouse Oversite Team which grandfathered in the area and exempted it from sage grouse restrictions. A payment of $100,000 was provide to the state of Montana stewardship account for potential project impacts to sage grouse.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, which was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

U.S. FWS Communication Site Evaluations, which was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

A Road Use Agreement was obtained from Carbon County, Montana. The agreement was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

TB Flats Wind Projects

PacifiCorp obtained a CUP for the project and a building permit for the turbines from Carbon County Planning Department (Wyoming). The CUP application fee was approximately $3,100 and the building permit fees were approximately $23,100.

A Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) was obtained from the Wyoming Public Service Commission (WPSC). The CPCN application required a $15.00 filing fee.

A Section 109 permit was obtained from the Wyoming Industrial Siting Division (ISD) for the project. The Section 109 permit was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

FAA Determination of Hazard approvals were required for air hazard clearances. The FAA does not charge for performing aviation hazard determinations.

A SWPPP permit was obtained for construction of the project from the Wyoming DEQ. The SWPPP was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

An Incidental Eagle Take Permit application was submitted to the U.S. FWS. The permit fee was $36,000.

Special Use Leases for Wind Energy were obtained from the Wyoming Office of State Lands and Investment (lease numbers WL-1602, WL1603, and WL-1705). Lease payments involve various fees including initial payments, installation fees, operating fees, and surface impact payments.

U.S. EPA Phase I Environmental Site Assessment, which was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

Department of Commerce / NTIA Filing, U.S. EPA, which was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

Federal Communication Commission (FCC) Microwave Study, which was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

U.S. FWS Communication Site Evaluations, which was obtained by the project developer and transferred to PacifiCorp as part of the project development costs.

A Road Use Agreement was obtained from Carbon County, Wyoming. The County does not charge an agreement fee.