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COMMENTS: Please see attached amended Application, Exhibit 1 and Tariff sheets; and, the addition of Exhibit 2.

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BEFORE THE WYOMING PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	
POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION)	
SUNDANCE, WYOMING, TO REVISE)	DOCKET No. 10014-189-CT-18
ITS RULES AND REGULATIONS PERTAINING)	<u>RECORD No. 14930</u>
TO METER TESTING AND VERIFICATION)	

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Catalog of Changes to Meter Testing and Verification Program.

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~~and visually inspecting/auditing the meter and meter location.~~

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~~5. The Applicant voluntarily proposed this practice in its filing in 2001 in Docket No. 10014-CC-00-50 (Record No. 6136) to address concerns with the accuracy of customer-reported meter readings for billing purposes.~~

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Dated at Sundance, Wyoming, the ~~526~~th day of ~~March~~January, 2018.

POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION



Michael E. Easley
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Dated at Sundance, Wyoming, the 5th day of March, 2018.

POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION

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March 5, 2018

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Re: Docket No. 10014-189-CT-18 Amended Filing

Dear Mr. Petrie:

Please find enclosed one (1) original and four (4) copies of Powder River Energy Corporation's amended Application and supporting documentation requesting to revise its Rules and Regulations pertaining to Meter Testing and Verification.

Powder River Energy Corporation respectfully requests approval of this Application from the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael E. Easley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Michael E. Easley
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Enclosures

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Exhibit 2 - Residential Meter Field Audit Results (2014-2017)

	Meter Audits	Total Problems Found	Problems Requiring Action	Register reading higher than endpoint reading					Register reading lower than endpoint reading				
				Under Reported kWhs	Fixed at Billing*	Fixed at Audit	Unbilled kWhs	Lost Revenue	Over Reported kWhs	Fixed at Billing*	Fixed at Audit	Over Billed kWhs	Over Bill Adjustment
2014	17,564	370	185	257	116	141	181,063	\$12,855	113	69	44	179,276	\$12,728
		2.11%	1.05%	1.46%	0.66%	0.80%			0.64%	0.39%	0.25%		
2015	17,575	127	94	86	25	61	231,132	\$16,181	41	8	33	319,718	\$22,383
		0.72%	0.53%	0.49%	0.14%	0.35%			0.23%	0.05%	0.19%		
2016	17,660	95	71	53	10	43	122,078	\$9,085	42	14	28	252,774	\$18,811
		0.54%	0.40%	0.30%	0.06%	0.24%			0.24%	0.08%	0.16%		
2017	17,607	90	62	51	15	36	55,795	\$4,512	39	13	26	208,849	\$16,891
		0.51%	0.35%	0.29%	0.00%	0.20%			0.22%	0.07%	0.15%		
* Fixed at billing means when field audited the endpoint was reading zero and for these accounts manual reads were secured for billing purposes until the meter or endpoint was corrected during the audit. No unbilled or overbilled kWhs were realized.													

Meter Testing and Verification Program

Section X

RULES AND REGULATIONS OF SERVICE
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METER TESTING AND VERIFICATION PROGRAM

I. GENERAL STATEMENT

In compliance with the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission's) adopted Rule in Chapter 3, Section 18 (Meter Testing Program), the Corporation has developed and submitted the following Meter Testing and Verification Program. The intent of this Meter Testing and Verification Program is to develop a program for the calibration, recertification, care and maintenance of meters, recording devices, field testing equipment, and meter calibration equipment in order to keep the equipment in proper working condition. The Corporation, or its certified contractors, has all necessary meters, instruments, meter calibration equipment, and facilities necessary to carry out its meter-testing program. The facilities and equipment are available for inspection by any authorized representative of the Commission. Finally, meter verifications, test results, and audit data as well as equipment calibration records are kept electronically and available upon Commission request or as otherwise required by the Commission's and Corporations Rules and Regulations with regard to member requests.

II. RULES AND GUIDELINES

- A. The Corporation's Meter Testing and Verification program shall conform as applicable to the following guidelines and rules:
1. RUS Bulletin 1730-1;
 2. RUS Form 300;
 3. Wyoming Public Service Commission, Chapter 3, Section 18.

III. METER ACCURACY

- A. The Corporation's Meter Testing and Verification program will statistically verify meter accuracy according to:
1. ANSI for Electric Meters Code for Electric Metering (ANSI C12.1)
 2. American National Standard Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Variables for Percent Non-Conforming (ANSI/ASQ Z1.9-2008) for sampling.
- B. The Corporation will verbally advise members about the contents of the ANSI Standards in person or by phone. If the member desires to personally review the ANSI Standards, they may

Issued by
Michael E. Easley, Chief Executive Officer

Meter Testing and Verification Program

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METER ACCURACY (cont'd)

do so in one of the Corporation's main offices in Sundance, Gillette, or Sheridan. Prior to such review, they must read and acknowledge the ANSI Standards licensing requirements and affirm that they will not copy or reproduce them in any manner.

All in-service billing/revenue meters in the Corporation's service territory will be divided into homogeneous test groups based on form factor. A random sample from each homogeneous lot will be selected, tested, and statistically analyzed. The random test sample program as described below will be conducted annually thereafter. Meters will be considered accurate for billing purposes if they register within +/- 2% under test conditions.

IV. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. The Corporation will meet the following qualifications:
1. 100% testing of all meters by the manufacturer prior to shipment to the Corporation;
 2. Quality assurance testing of all meters by Corporation personnel before initial installation (testing information will be loaded into the Corporation's billing system for historical reference);
 3. Ability to monitor all in-service meters for performance through daily reads;
 4. Ability to monitor member usage abnormalities on a daily basis;
 5. Random sample testing and field verification of meters after ten (10) years in service (explained in detail below);
 6. Field test and verify all instrument rated meters and associated instrumentation transformers once every three (3) years; and

Table 1. Meter Forms and Associated Information

Meter Number Starting Letter	NEMA Form		Phase	Class (Amps)	Voltage	Application	Number of Wires
TZ	1S		1Φ	100 or 200	120	Self-contained	2
T	2S		1Φ	200	240	Self-contained	3
U	2S		1Φ	200	240	Self-contained	3

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Y	4S	3Φ	10 or 20	240	Instrument-rated	3
W	16S	3Φ	200	120-480	Self-contained	4
E	16S	3Φ	20	120-480	Self-contained	4 -Reactive
M	5S	3Φ	20	120-480	Instrument-rated	4
P	6S	3Φ	20	120-480	Instrument-rated	4
X	9S	3Φ	20	120-480	Instrument-rated	4
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B. Test Equipment

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V. METER TESTING AND VERIFICATION SCHEDULE

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1. All 1Ø and 3Ø demand billed accounts, including 3Ø instrument rated metered accounts and substation meters, will be tested and verified at least once every three (3) years. The Current Transformers (CTs) and Potential Transformers (PTs) for these metering points will also be tested with test results stored in the Corporation's records.
 2. All 69 kV primary delivery metered accounts will be tested and verified once every six (6) months. The Current Transformers (CTs) and Potential Transformers (PTs) for these metering points will also be tested with test results stored in the Corporation's records.
 3. A random sample, from each of the remaining meter form types (specifically 2S, 12S, and 16S) will be selected to be tested/verified annually according to the ANSI guidelines listed above. If more than four (4) percent of the meters within each meter form type listed above are not within a +/- 2% compliance, another random sampling of meters from that form type will be chosen to be tested/verified. Additionally, if a Corporation meter, when tested, in any form group varies more than +/- 2%, the Corporation will replace that meter at the time of test/verification. Once a meter has been randomly selected for testing, it will be taken out of the list of potential meters for random selection for the next five (5) years.

Please refer to Table 1 above for a complete list and description of each NEMA meter type currently used in active meters on the Corporation's system. Additionally, forms for verifying field information are taken directly from the Service Orders for each test/verification. Service Orders are generated out of information currently residing in the Corporation's billing system (CIS). After field information is gathered/verified, the Corporation's billing system is matched/updated with all appropriate information.

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B. Meter Testing and Verifications

For meter tests and verifications, the following information is gathered or verified:

- Meter number
- Secondary meter number
- Meter type
- Register type
- Usage dials
- Meter phase
- Number of wires
- Manufacturer
- Meter type description
- NEMA form
- Class
- Amps
- Volts
- Base KH
- Register ratio
- Technician name
- Actual number of dials
- Rate
- Revenue Class
- Seal
- Billing multiplier
- Present reading
- Previous reading
- Demand reading
- Power factor
- Township, Range, Section
- Latitude/Longitude
- Transformer capacity
- Date of test/verification

C. Potential Transformer (PT) Tests and Verifications

For field meter tests and verifications, the following information is gathered or verified:

- System voltage
- Ratio
- Accuracy
- Fused (yes/no)
- Latitude/Longitude
- Date of test
- Technician name

D. Current Transformer (CT) Tests and Verifications

For field meter tests and verifications, the following information is gathered or verified:

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E. Instrument Rated Services

The Corporation is required to test instrument rated services once every three (3) years.

F. Self-Contained Services

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RULES AND REGULATIONS OF SERVICE
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I. GENERAL STATEMENT

In compliance with the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission's) adopted Rule in Chapter 3, Section 18 (Meter Testing Program), the Corporation has developed and submitted the following Meter Testing and Verification Program. The intent of this Meter Testing and Verification Program is to develop a program for the calibration, recertification, care and maintenance of meters, recording devices, field testing equipment, and meter calibration equipment in order to keep the equipment in proper working condition. The Corporation, or its certified contractors, has all necessary meters, instruments, meter calibration equipment, and facilities necessary to carry out its meter-testing program. The facilities and equipment are available for inspection by any authorized representative of the Commission. Finally, meter verifications, test results, and audit data as well as equipment calibration records are kept electronically and available upon Commission request or as otherwise required by the Commission's and Corporations Rules and Regulations with regard to member requests.

II. RULES AND GUIDELINES

- A. The Corporation's Meter Testing and Verification program shall conform as applicable to the following guidelines and rules:
1. RUS Bulletin 1730-1;
 2. RUS Form 300;
 3. Wyoming Public Service Commission, Chapter 3, Section 18.

III. METER ACCURACY

- A. The Corporation's Meter Testing and Verification program will statistically verify meter accuracy according to:
1. ANSI for Electric Meters Code for Electric Metering (ANSI C12.1)
 2. American National Standard Sampling Procedures and Tables for Inspection by Variables for Percent Non-Conforming (ANSI/ASQ Z1.9-2008) for sampling.
- B. The Corporation will verbally advise members about the contents of the ANSI Standards in person or by phone. If the member desires to personally review the ANSI Standards, they may

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do so in one of the Corporation's main offices in Sundance, Gillette, or Sheridan. Prior to such review, they must read and acknowledge the ANSI Standards licensing requirements and affirm that they will not copy or reproduce them in any manner.

All in-service billing/revenue meters in the Corporation's service territory will be divided into homogeneous test groups based on form factor. A random sample from each homogeneous lot will be selected, tested, and statistically analyzed. The random test sample program as described below will be conducted annually thereafter. Meters will be considered accurate for billing purposes if they register within +/- 2% under test conditions.

IV. QUALIFICATIONS

- A. The Corporation will meet the following qualifications:
1. 100% testing of all meters by the manufacturer prior to shipment to the Corporation;
 2. Quality assurance testing of all meters by Corporation personnel before initial installation (testing information will be loaded into the Corporation's billing system for historical reference);
 3. Ability to monitor all in-service meters for performance through daily reads;
 4. Ability to monitor member usage abnormalities on a daily basis;
 5. Random sample testing and field verification of meters after ten (10) years in service (explained in detail below);
 6. Field test and verify all instrument rated meters and associated instrumentation transformers once every three (3) years; and

Table 1. Meter Forms and Associated Information

Meter Number Starting Letter	NEMA Form		Phase	Class (Amps)	Voltage	Application	Number of Wires
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