

# Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers



## Purpose

Wyoming Industrial Energy Consumers (WIEC) is an unincorporated association of industrial electric consumers formed for the purpose of participating on a cost-sharing basis in regulatory proceedings before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC) and in other joint efforts with respect to electric issues affecting Wyoming consumers. By pooling the resources of its members and providing a forum for a unified industrial and business presence, WIEC has been successfully representing the interests of Wyoming electric consumers since 1995.

## Participation

Individual companies may participate in WIEC efforts on a project-by-project or other ad hoc basis. Although most group efforts enjoy widespread participation and support, each WIEC member company may choose whether to participate in each project on a case-by-case basis, without any continuing obligation and with the right to withdraw at any time. Decisions regarding strategy and approach are made by consensus, requiring a 75% majority vote for significant matters.

## Cost

WIEC has no formal staff or dues and is governed by Organizational Rules. As each WIEC matter is commenced, budgets for any necessary consulting, legal, or related work are developed and agreed upon by the participating companies. Monthly costs for each project or case are shared among participants by allocating 25% of the costs on a per-capita basis and the remaining 75% of the costs on the basis of annual electric energy (kWh) consumption.

## WIEC Efforts & Projects

Most significantly, WIEC has worked to reduce proposed increases in electric rates in Wyoming, especially for customers of PacificCorp (d/b/a Rocky Mountain Power). WIEC efforts have ensured that new power plants and demand-side management programs are both cost-effective and the best choices for electric consumers. WIEC has also worked on behalf of participating companies to make avoided cost rates, partial requirements rates and standby electric rates more customer-friendly and useful for electric consumers. For a complete history of WIEC efforts, please see the table “Proposed Rate Increases Reduced by WIEC Efforts” on page 2.

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## Proposed Rate Increases Reduced by WIEC Efforts

1996	Reduced Rate Increase From \$9 Million to \$4 Million
1998	Resisted and Eliminated \$20 Million Rate Increase
1999	Delayed \$12 Million Rate Increase Until Mid-2000
2000	Resisted and Eliminated \$10 Million Rate Increase for Wyoming
2000	Reduced \$8.3 Million Depreciation Rate Increase to \$1 Million
2000	Secured \$17 Million Rate Refund for Wyoming Consumers
2001	Secured Approval of Cost-of-Service Method Reassessment
2001	Resisted and Prevented \$20 Million Emergency Rate Increase
2001	Secured Withdrawal of \$45 Million Power Cost Adjustment Proposal
2003	Obtained Rejection of Hunter Plant Failure Costs Claim (\$31 Million)
2003	Eliminated Deferred Power Cost Claim (\$60 Million)
2003	Reduced Annual Rate Increase from \$31 Million to \$8.8 Million
2004	Reduced Annual Rate Increase from \$42 Million to \$23 Million
2004	Defeated Proposed Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism (PCAM)
2004	Reduced Rate Increase from \$11.8 Million to \$9.2 Million
2004	Secured Rate Freeze from PacifiCorp for Nearly Two Years
2005	Postponement of Proposed \$40.2 Million Rate Increase for 6 Months
2006	Obtained Dismissal of \$150 Million Claim for Energy Crisis Costs
2006	Reduced Annual Rate Increase from \$40.2 Million to \$25 Million
2006	Redesigned Proposed Power Cost Adjustment Mechanism (PCAM)
2006	Secured New Rate Case Freeze from PacifiCorp Until August 2007
2007	Reduced PCAM rate increase from \$2.8 Million to \$2.5 Million
2008	Secured Withdrawal of 65% Rate Surcharge for New or Growing Loads
2008	Secured Withdrawal of Wind Energy Accelerated Cost Recovery Plan
2008	Reduced Annual Rate Increase from \$36.1 Million to \$23 Million
2008	Secured Industrial DSM Programs Without Subsidies to Other Classes
2008	Reduced PCAM Rate Increase from \$31 Million to \$28.9 Million
2009	Reduced Proposed Rate Increase from \$39 Million to \$18 Million
2009	Reduced Interim PCAM Rate Increase from \$14 Million to \$7 Million
2010	Reduced Proposed Rate Increase from \$71 Million to \$25.5 Million
2010	Secured Deferral Until 2011 of \$10 Million Rate Increase in 2010
2010	Reduced PCAM Rate Increase from \$7.9 Million to \$4.4 Million

## Proposed Rate Increases Reduced by WIEC Efforts CONTINUED

2011	Shifted to RMP 30% of Energy Cost Adjustment Mechanism (ECAM) Costs
2011	Reduced WY Interstate Allocation Increase from \$10 Million to \$4.7 Million
2011	Reduced Proposed Rate Increase from \$98 Million to \$44 Million
2011	Reduced PCAM Rate Increase from \$11.2 Million to \$8.9 Million
2011	Secured Suspension of Demand-Side Management Surcharge
2012	Reduced Environmental Control Costs from over \$200 Million to \$25 Million
2012	Reduced Proposed Rate Increase from \$57 Million to \$26 Million
2012	Spread \$27 Million ECAM Increase Over 3 Years Without Interest
2012	Reduced ECAM Rate Increase for Wyoming by \$2.3 Million
2012	Secured Agreement to Defer Planned 2014 Rate Increase until 2015
2013	Reduced Expected \$45 Million Rate Request to \$18 Million
2013	Eliminated, or Deferred until 2022, \$3.3 Billion in Transmission Costs
2013	Secured Reduction of \$5.7 Billion in Planned 2013-2022 Capex Spending
2014	Reduced Proposed Rate Increase from \$36.1 Million to \$20.1 Million
2015	Secured Approval of Deferred Accounting for Customers of \$920,000
2015	Reduced Proposed Rate Increase from \$32.4 Million to \$15.0 Million
2015	Secured Retention of 70-30 ECAM Sharing Percentage
2016	Prevented Interstate Cost Reallocation Saving Wyoming Customers 5% Annually
2016	Reduced ECAM Rate Increase from \$11.2 Million to \$10.3 Million
2017	Secured Return of Bonus Tax Depreciation Savings of \$2.1 Million
2017	Secured \$2.1 Million in Annual Industrial Savings Through Lower DSM Charges
2017	Secured \$1.25 Million in Additional ECAM Refunds