

ORDINANCE NO. 15-2026

**AN ORDINANCE OF WEST HAVEN CITY GRANTING AN ELECTRIC UTILITY
FRANCHISE
AND GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT
TO
ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER**

WHEREAS, Rocky Mountain Power, (“Rocky Mountain Power” or the “Company”) is a regulated public utility that provides electric power and energy to the citizens of West Haven City (the “City”) and other surrounding areas; Rocky Mountain Power or the City may be referred to individually as “Party” or collectively as “Parties”;

WHEREAS, providing electrical power and energy requires the installation, operation, and maintenance of power poles and other related facilities to be located within the public ways of the City;

WHEREAS, the City, pursuant to the provisions of Utah Code Ann. § 10-8-21, has the authority to regulate power line facilities within public ways and to grant to Rocky Mountain Power a general utility easement for the use thereof;

WHEREAS, the City desires to set forth the terms and conditions by which Rocky Mountain Power shall use the public ways of the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City:

The Recitals set forth above are incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 1.- Grant of Franchise and General Utility Easement. The City hereby grants to Rocky Mountain Power the right, privilege, and authority to construct, maintain, operate, upgrade, and relocate its electrical distribution and transmission lines and related appurtenances, including underground conduits and structures, poles, towers, wires, guy anchors, vaults, transformers, transmission lines, and communication lines (collectively referred to herein as “Electric Facilities”) in, under, along, over and across the present and future streets, alleys, and rights-of-way, not including City parks, buildings or other spaces not associated with City-owned rights-of-way (collectively referred to herein as “Public Ways”) within the City, for the purpose of supplying and transmitting electric power and energy to the inhabitants of the City and persons and corporations beyond the limits thereof; (referred to as “Franchise”).

SECTION 2. Term. The term of this Franchise and General Utility Easement is for () five (5) years commencing on the date of acceptance by the Company as set forth in Section 3 below.

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SECTION 3. Acceptance by Company. Within sixty (60) days after the passage of this ~~ordinance~~Ordinance by the City, Rocky Mountain Power shall file an unqualified written acceptance thereof, with the City Recorder; otherwise, the ~~ordinance~~Ordinance and the rights granted herein shall be null and void.

SECTION 4.- Non-Exclusive Franchise. The right to use and occupy the Public Ways of the City shall be nonexclusive, and the City reserves the priority right to use the Public Ways for itself ~~or any other entity.~~ Other entities that ~~provides~~provide service to City residences; ~~provided, however, that such use shall not unreasonably interfere with and~~ Rocky Mountain Power's Electric Facilities or Rocky Mountain Power's rights ~~as granted herein shall be equal in priority, but subservant to the City's priority.~~

SECTION 5. City Regulatory Authority. In addition to the provision herein contained, the City reserves the right to adopt such additional ordinances and regulations as may be deemed necessary in the exercise of its police power for the protection of the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens and their properties or exercise any other rights, powers, or duties required or authorized, under the Constitution of the State of Utah, the laws of Utah or City Ordinance, ~~which may supercede this Ordinance.~~

SECTION 6. Indemnification. The City shall in no way be liable or responsible for any loss or damage to property or any injury to, or death, of, any person that may occur in the construction, operation, or maintenance by Rocky Mountain Power of its Electric Facilities. Rocky Mountain Power shall indemnify, defend, and hold the City harmless from and against claims, demands, liens, and all liability or damage of whatsoever kind on account of Rocky Mountain Power's use of the Public Ways within the City, and shall pay all the costs of defense plus reasonable ~~attorneys'~~attorneys' fees for any claim, demand, or lien brought thereunder. The City shall: (a) give prompt written notice to Rocky Mountain Power of any claim, demand, or lien with respect to which the City seeks indemnification hereunder; and (b) permit Rocky Mountain Power to assume the defense of such claim, demand, or lien. If such defense is not assumed by Rocky Mountain Power, Rocky Mountain Power shall not be subject to liability for any settlement made without its consent. Notwithstanding any provision hereof to the contrary, Rocky Mountain Power shall not be obligated to indemnify, defend, or hold the City harmless to the extent any claim, demand, or lien arises out of or in connection with any negligent or willful act or failure to act of the City or any of its officers or employees.

SECTION 7. Annexation.

7.1 Extension of City Limits. Upon the annexation of any territory to the City, the rights granted herein shall extend to the annexed territory to the extent the City has such authority. All Electrical Facilities owned, maintained, or operated by Rocky Mountain Power located within any public ways of the annexed territory shall thereafter be subject to all of the terms hereof.

7.2 Notice of Annexation. When any territory is approved for annexation to the City, the City shall, not later than ten (10) working days after passage of an ordinance approving the

proposed annexation, provide by certified mail to Rocky Mountain Power: (a) ~~each site address to be annexed as recorded on county assessment and tax rolls annexation plat~~; (b) a legal description of the proposed boundary change; and (c) a copy of the City's ordinance approving the proposed annexation. The notice shall be mailed to:

Rocky Mountain Power Customer Contact Center
Attn: Annexations
P.O. Box 400
Portland, Oregon 97207-0400

With a copy to:

Rocky Mountain Power
Attn: Office of the General Counsel
1407 West North Temple, Room 320
Salt Lake City, UT 84116

SECTION 8. Plan, Design, Construction, and Installation of Company Facilities.

8.1- All Electrical Facilities installed or used under ~~the~~ authority of this Franchise shall be used, constructed, and maintained in accordance with applicable federal, state, and ~~city~~ City laws, codes, and regulations.

8.2 Except in the case of an emergency, Rocky Mountain Power shall, prior to commencing new construction or major reconstruction work in the Public Ways, apply for any permit from the City as may be required by the City's ordinances, which permit shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned, or delayed. Rocky Mountain Power will abide by all applicable ordinances and all reasonable rules, regulations, and requirements of the City, and the City may inspect the manner of such work and require remedies as may be reasonably necessary to assure compliance, ~~with the City regulations and requirements~~. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Rocky Mountain Power shall not be obligated to obtain a permit to perform emergency repairs.

8.3 All Electric Facilities shall be located so as to cause minimum interference with the Public Ways of the City and shall be constructed, installed, maintained, cleared of vegetation, renovated, or replaced in accordance with applicable rules, ordinances, and regulations of the City.

8.4 If, during the course of work on its Electrical Facilities, Rocky Mountain Power causes damage to or alters the Public Way or public property, Rocky Mountain Power shall (at its own cost and expense and in a manner reasonably approved by the City) replace and restore it in as good a condition as existed before the work commenced.

8.5 In addition to the installation of underground electric distribution lines as provided by applicable state law and regulations, Rocky Mountain Power shall, upon payment of all charges

provided in its tariffs or their equivalent, place newly constructed electric distribution lines underground as may be required by City ordinance.

8.6 The City shall have the right without cost to use all poles and suitable overhead structures owned by Rocky Mountain Power within Public Ways for City wires used in connection with its fire alarms, police signal systems, or other public safety communication lines used for governmental purposes; provided, however, any such uses shall be for activities owned, operated or used by the City for a public purpose and shall not include the provision of CATV, internet, or similar services to the public. Provided further, that Rocky Mountain Power shall assume no liability nor shall it incur, directly or indirectly, any additional expense in connection therewith, and the use of said poles and structures by the City shall be in such a manner as to prevent safety hazards or interferences with Rocky Mountain Power's use of same. Nothing herein shall be construed to require Rocky Mountain Power to increase pole size, or alter the manner in which Rocky Mountain Power attaches its equipment to poles, or alter the manner in which it operates and maintains its Electric Facilities. City attachments shall be installed and maintained in accordance with the reasonable requirements of Rocky Mountain Power and the current edition of the National Electrical Safety Code pertaining to such construction. Further, City attachments shall be attached or installed only after written approval by Rocky Mountain Power in conjunction with Rocky Mountain Power's standard pole attachment application process. Rocky Mountain Power shall have the right to inspect, at the City's expense, such attachments to ensure compliance with this Section 8.6 and to require the City to remedy any defective attachments.

8.7 Rocky Mountain Power shall have the right to excavate the Public ~~Rights-of~~ Ways subject to reasonable conditions and requirements of the City. Before installing new underground conduits or replacing existing underground conduits, Rocky Mountain Power shall first notify the City of such work by written notice and shall allow the City, at its own expense, (to include a pro-rata share of the trenching costs, if the City's conduit requires the enlargement of the trench), to share the trench of Rocky Mountain Power to lay its own conduit therein, provided that such action by the City will not unreasonably interfere with Rocky Mountain Power's Electrical Facilities or delay project completion.

8.8 Before commencing any street improvements or other work within a Public Way that may affect Rocky Mountain Power's Electric Facilities, the City shall give written notice to Rocky Mountain Power.

SECTION 9. ~~Relocations~~Relocation of Electric Facilities.

9.1 The City reserves the right to require Rocky Mountain Power, by written notice, to relocate its Electric Facilities within the Public Ways for a City project in the interest of public convenience, necessity, health, safety, or welfare at no cost to the City. Within a reasonable period of time after written notice, Rocky Mountain Power shall promptly commence the relocation of its Electrical Facilities. Before requiring at the relocation of Electric Facilities, the City shall, with the assistance and consent of Rocky Mountain ~~Power~~, identify a reasonable alignment for the relocated Electric Facilities within the Public Ways of the City.

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Additionally, upon the City providing written notice, Rocky Mountain Power, regarding the need to relocate its Electric Facilities, Rocky Mountain Power shall promptly notify any entity that is collocated on its Electric Facilities, which also must be relocated.

The City shall assign or otherwise transfer to Company all right it may have to recover the cost for the relocation work from a third party and shall support the efforts of Rocky Mountain Power to obtain reimbursement.

9.2 Rocky Mountain Power shall not be obligated to pay the cost of any relocation that is required or made a condition of a private development. If the removal or relocation of ~~facilities~~Electric Facilities is caused directly or otherwise by an identifiable development of property in the area, or is made for the convenience of a customer, Rocky Mountain Power may charge the expense of removal or relocation to the developer or customer. For example, Rocky Mountain Power shall not be required to pay relocation costs in connection with a road widening or realignment where the road project is made a condition of or caused by a private development.

9.3 In the event that Rocky Mountain Power and City do not agree on whether relocation of Electric Facilities falls under Section 9.1 or 9.2 of this Agreement, City may submit to Rocky Mountain Power a written memorandum describing why relocation should be pursuant to Section 9.1 ("Memorandum"). The Memorandum shall be reviewed by Rocky Mountain Power's Vice President within thirty (30) days of Rocky Mountain Power's receipt of the Memorandum. Within forty-five (45) days of receipt of the Memorandum, Rocky Mountain Power shall respond to the Memorandum in writing detailing why it believes the relocation of Electric Facilities falls under either Section 9.1 or 9.2 of this Agreement.

SECTION 10. Subdivision Plat Notification. Before the City approves any new subdivision and before recordation of the plat, the City shall require the developer to obtain Rocky Mountain Power's approval of Electrical Facilities, including underground facilities to be installed by the developer, and associated ~~rights of way easements~~ depicted on the plat. ~~A The developer shall mail a copy of the plat shall be mailed for approval~~ to Rocky Mountain Power:

Rocky Mountain Power
Attn: Estimating Department

Local Address

Local Address

Section 1438 West 2550 South
Ogden Utah 84401

SECTION 11. Vegetation Management. Rocky Mountain Power or its contractor may prune all trees and vegetation which overhang the Public Ways, whether such trees or vegetation originate within or outside the Public Ways, to prevent the branches, ~~or~~ limbs or other part of such trees or vegetation from interfering with Rocky Mountain Power's Distribution or Transmission

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Electrical Facilities. Such ~~work~~pruning shall comply with the American National Standard for Tree Care Operation (ANSI A300) and be conducted under the direction of an arborist certified with the International Society of Arboriculture. Rocky Mountain Power may also cut down and remove any tree located in the Public Ways which poses a risk to public safety or service reliability. A growth inhibitor treatment may be used for trees and vegetation species that are fast-growing. Trees planted in the Public Ways under or near existing Rocky Mountain Power's Distribution or Transmission Electrical Facilities should not interfere with such Electrical Facilities at the tree's full maturity height. For guidance on tree species selection, see Rocky Mountain Power's planting guidelines www.Rockymountainpower.net/trees.

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SECTION 12. -Renewal. At least 120 days prior to the expiration of this Franchise, Rocky Mountain Power and the City either shall agree to extend the term of this Franchise for a mutually acceptable period of time, or the ~~parties~~Parties shall use best faith efforts to renegotiate a replacement Franchise. As long as the parties are in good faith negotiations, Rocky Mountain Power shall have the continued right to use the Public Ways of the City as set forth herein in the event an extension or replacement Franchise is not entered into upon expiration of this Franchise.

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SECTION 13. -No Waiver. Neither the City nor Rocky Mountain Power shall be excused from complying with any of the terms and conditions of this Franchise by any failure of the other, or any of its officers, employees, or agents, upon any one or more occasions to insist upon or to seek compliance with any such terms and conditions.

SECTION 14. -Transfer of Franchise. Rocky Mountain Power shall not transfer or assign any rights under this Franchise to another entity, except transfers and assignments by operation of law, or to affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of Rocky Mountain Power which assume all of Rocky Mountain Power's obligations hereunder, unless the City shall first give its approval in writing, which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed; provided, however, Rocky Mountain Power may assign, mortgage, pledge, hypothecate or otherwise transfer without consent its interest in this Franchise to any financing entity, or agent on behalf of any financing entity to whom Rocky Mountain Power (1) has obligations for borrowed money or in respect of guaranties thereof, (ii) has obligations evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or similar instruments, or (iii) has obligations under or with respect to letters of credit, bankers acceptances and similar facilities or in respect of guaranties thereof.

SECTION 15. -Amendment. At any time during the term of this Franchise, the City through its City Council, or Rocky Mountain Power may propose amendments to this Franchise by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the other ~~party~~Party of the proposed amendment(s) desired, and both ~~parties~~Parties thereafter, through their designated representatives, will, within a reasonable time, negotiate in good faith in an effort to agree upon mutually satisfactory amendment(s). No amendment or amendments to this Franchise shall be effective until mutually agreed upon by the City and Rocky Mountain Power and formally adopted as an ordinance amendment, which is accepted in writing by Rocky Mountain Power.

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SECTION 16. Notices. Unless otherwise specified herein, all notices from Rocky Mountain Power to the City pursuant to or concerning this Franchise shall be delivered to the City ~~Recorder's~~Recorder's Office. Unless otherwise specified herein, all notices from the City to Rocky Mountain Power pursuant to or concerning this Franchise shall be delivered to the Regional Business Management Director, Rocky Mountain Power, 852 East 1400 North, Shelley, Idaho, 83274, with copy to RMPRBMTeam@pacificorp.com, and such other office as Rocky Mountain Power may advise the City of by written notice.

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SECTION 17. Severability. If any section, sentence, paragraph, term, or provision hereof is for any reason determined to be illegal, invalid, or superseded by other lawful authority including any state or federal regulatory authority having jurisdiction thereof or unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid by any court of common jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision and such determination shall have no effect on the validity of any other section, sentence, paragraph, term or provision hereof, all of which will remain in full force and effect for the term of the Franchise or any renewal or renewals thereof.

SECTION 18. Waiver of Jury Trial. To the fullest extent permitted by law, each of the ~~parties~~Parties hereto waives any right it may have to a trial by jury in respect of litigation directly or indirectly arising out of, under, or in connection with this ~~agreement-Franchise~~. Each ~~party~~Party further waives any right to ~~consolidate~~consolidate any action in which a jury trial has been waived with any ~~other~~other action in which a jury trial cannot be or has not been waived.

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SECTION 19. Remedies at Law. In the event either Party fails to fulfill any of its respective obligations under this Agreement, the City or Rocky Mountain Power, whichever the case may be, may assert a breach of contract claim and remedy against the other, in addition to any other remedy provided herein or by law; provided, however, that no remedy that would have the effect of amending the specific provisions of this Agreement shall become effective without such action that would be necessary to formally amend the Agreement. In the event of any controversy, claim or action being filed or instituted between the City and Rocky Mountain Power relating to or arising out of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover from the other party reasonable attorneys' fees and costs through all levels of action incurred by the prevailing party.

SECTION 20. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be interpreted pursuant to Utah law and jurisdiction and venue for any legal action pertaining to this Agreement shall be in the Second District Court of Weber County, State of Utah, or the United States District Court for the District of Utah.

SECTION 21. Counterparts. The Parties may execute this Agreement in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original instrument and all of which together constitute one and the same instrument.

SECTION 22. Authority. Each Party has full legal authority and power to execute and deliver this Agreement; the officer of Party executing this Agreement has been duly authorized to execute

and deliver this Agreement; and this Agreement constitutes a valid and binding obligation of the Parties according to its terms and conditions.

SECTION 23. Entire Agreement and Amendments. This Agreement and all attachments hereto constitute the entire agreement and understanding between the Parties and replaces any previous agreement, understanding, or negotiation between the Parties with respect to its subject matter, and may be modified or amended, supplemented, or changed only by the written agreement of the Parties, including the formal approval of the City Council. No oral modifications or amendments shall be effective.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of West Haven City Utah
this ____ day of _____, ~~2025~~2026.

MAYOR

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ATTEST:

CITY RECORDER

Mayor Rob Vanderwood	Yes	No
Councilmember Carrie Call	Yes	No
Councilmember Kim Dixon	Yes	No
Councilmember Nina Morse	Yes	No
Councilmember Ryan Saunders	Yes	No
Councilmember Ryan Swapp	Yes	No

STATE OF UTAH)

: ss.

County of Weber)

I, Emily Green, the City Recorder of West Haven, Utah, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a full and correct copy of Ordinance 15-2026, entitled "**AN ORDINANCE OF WEST HAVEN CITY GRANTING AN ELECTRIC UTILITY FRANCHISE AND GENERAL UTILITY EASEMENT TO ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER**" adopted and passed by the City Council of West Haven, Utah, at a regular meeting thereof on the ____ day of _____, 2026, which appears of record in my office.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the corporate seal of the City this ____ day of _____, 2026.

Emily Green, City Recorder

(city seal)