

WUTC Data Request 167

Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2 - The rebuttal testimony of Company witness Richards states:

[T]he initial cost estimate of the natural gas conversions for Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2 was \$20.9 million on a total-Company basis. However, further investigation revealed that the project would require the gas to be supplied at a higher pressure and heated onsite. The higher pressure of the gas requires a thicker pipe, which in addition to using more material and being heavier to transport, also takes longer to install due in part to the careful welding process demanded by high pressure gas piping. The onsite heating station is needed to adequately heat the natural gas fuel before its introduction into the boiler. The revised cost and current projection of the natural gas conversion for both units is \$48.9 million on a total-Company basis. Richards, Exh. BDR-2CT at 2:4-12.

Please provide the date on which the Company discovered that the Jim Bridger Units 1 and 2 conversion project would require thicker pipe and an onsite heating station, resulting in the above-described cost increase.

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The Company was informed by Mountain West Pipeline on July 12, 2022 that the gas supplied under a future connection agreement would not include additional conditioning of the gas, including the heating and pressure requirements. The connection agreement was not signed until September 25, 2023, finalizing the pressure and temperature of the gas to be delivered by the pipeline. Please refer to Confidential Attachment WUTC 167 which provides a copy of the signed agreement.

Designated information in Confidential Attachment WUTC 167 is confidential per Protective Order in UTC Docket UE-230172.

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