

# ***PSC rules against out-of-town rate increase***

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The Wyoming Public Service Commission (PSC) has decided to deny the City of Torrington's 9.8-percent electric rate increase application for its out-of-town customers.

"We you look at the revenues the utility function generates compared to the cost, the increase was not justified," Commission Chairman Alan Minier said in an interview after Monday's meeting in Cheyenne. The PSC hosted three day-long meetings to discuss the increase with city officials and interveners speaking on behalf of out-of-town customers.

The increase originally took effect last fall as a temporary rate increase to match the increase paid by in-town customers. If the board had approved the city's application this week, the increase would have been permanent.

Minier said city officials and interveners would likely come back to Cheyenne in 30 days to discuss potential refund options for money already paid due to the increase, which amounts to about \$227,000 per year.

The final order is being prepared and must be submitted by Dec. 26.

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