

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
CHEYENNE LIGHT, FUEL AND POWER d/b/a ) Docket No. 20003-167-EA-18  
BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR APPROVAL TO ) Docket No. 30005-234-GA-18  
UPDATE ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS TARIFFS ) (Record No. 14962)  
APPLICABLE TO THE DEMAND SIDE )  
MANAGEMENT REBATE AMOUNTS )

NOTICE AND ORDER  
(Issued September 25, 2018)

This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon the Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy (CLFP or Company) for authority to update its electric and gas tariffs applicable to the Demand Side Management (DSM) rebate amounts.

The Commission, having reviewed the Application, its files regarding CLFP, applicable Wyoming utility law, and otherwise being fully advised in the premises, FINDS and CONCLUDES:

1. CLFP is a public utility as defined in Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), providing retail electric service, and Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), providing retail natural gas service, subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

2. On March 26, 2018, CLFP submitted an Application for authority to amend its gas and electric DSM tariffs. The Company's DSM programs are designed to encourage Residential and Commercial customers to purchase and install energy-efficiency products and appliances. Qualifying appliances and/or measures are eligible for rebates under the Company's DSM requirements.

3. The Company is proposing to change the following qualifications and rebates within its programs:

a. Eliminate Energy Factor (EF) and Thermal Efficiency (TE) ratings.

i. All EF ratings were replaced with Uniformed Energy Factor (UEF) ratings which are the new industry standard for measuring energy efficiency in water heaters.

ii. The TE measure has been combined with the UEF and is no longer needed as a separate measure.

b. Tankless Water Heater qualification increasing from 0.84 to 0.87.

i. Under the UEF rating tankless water heaters must be rated at least 0.87.

c. Central Air Conditioners, Air Source Heat Pumps, and Performance Tier 1 are moving from "SEER equal to or greater than 16" to "SEER equal to or greater than 15."

i. After the Company met with trade installers and dealers it was noted that the increase in cost for a SEER 16 Air Conditioner and Air Source Heat Pump compared to a SEER 15

did not translate to a considerable difference in kWh savings. The Company has decided to lower the rating to allow for more participation while remaining within the industry standards.

d. Change the rebates for the Residential High Efficiency Lighting Program.

i. With industry changes in lighting measures, compact fluorescent lamps (CFL) are no longer cost effective to provide a rebate incentive.

ii. T8 Retrofits are being eliminated due to the drastic price decrease and increased availability of Light Emitting Diodes (LED). There has been little to no participation in this measure and the cost of a T8 Retrofit has decreased to the level that there is no viable incentive to be offered.

e. Shorten Descriptions.

i. Examples included changing “greater than” and “less than” are now depicted as “>” and “<”.

The Company stated the proposed changes will allow CLFP to continue to provide successful and uninterrupted DSM programs that provide benefit to customers.

4. CLFP’s Application came before the Commission pursuant to due notice at its Open Meeting held on May 31, 2018. James Elliott, Director of Regulatory Affairs, and Alan Stoinski, Manager of Energy Efficiency, appeared via telephone on behalf of the Company. Mr. Elliott provided a summary of the Application explaining that the tariffs were being updated to incorporate current standards and rebates to ensure the DSM programs continue to operate efficiently. Commission Staff recommended the Commission approve the Application.

5. Based upon the Application, the representations of the Company, and the analysis and recommendations of Commission Staff, the Commission finds and concludes that CLFP’s DSM programs continue to educate and help customers reduce their overall energy consumption through energy efficiency programs. The Commission further finds and concludes approval of CLFP’s Application is consistent with the public interest.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) has given Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy (CLFP or Company) authority to update its electric and gas tariffs applicable to the Demand Side Management (DSM) rebate amounts. The Commission’s approval is subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, change, and such further action as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

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CLFP’s Application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and in CLFP’s Wyoming business offices, and may be inspected by any interested persons during regular business hours.



Anyone desiring to file an intervention petition, request for a public hearing, statement, public comment, or protest in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before October 24, 2018. Intervention petitions and requests for a public hearing shall set forth the grounds on which they are made and the position and interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or want to make a statement, a protest or a public comment, and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427, or write to the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002, to make arrangements. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket Nos. 20003-167-EA-18 and 30005-234-GA-18 (Record No. 14962) in your communications.

Dated: September 25, 2018.

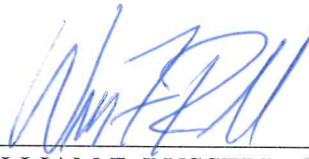
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken on May 31, 2018, the Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy for authority to update its electric and gas tariffs applicable to the Demand Side Management rebate amounts, is approved, effective for usage on and after June 1, 2018, subject to notice, protest, intervention petition, opportunity for hearing, refund, change, and such further action as deemed appropriate by the Commission.

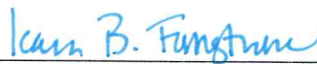
2. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on September 25, 2018.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING



WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, Chairman



KARA BRIGHTON FORNSTROM, Deputy Chair



ROBIN SESSIONS COOLEY, Commissioner

Attest:



STEVE MINK, Assistant Secretary