BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION, LLC D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO REVISE THE FUEL AND LOST AND UNACCOUNTED FOR (FL&U) GAS PERCENTAGES IN THE CASPER, GILLETTE, AND TORRINGTON DIVISIONS	))))))	Docket No. 30022-286-GA-17 (Record No. 14657)

ORDER
(Issued July 6, 2017)

This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE) for authority to revise its Fuel and Lost and Unaccounted For (FL&U) Gas Percentages in the Casper, Gillette, and Torrington divisions for the Choice Gas Program Year.

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

1. BHE is a natural gas public utility as defined by Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.

2. On March 1, 2017, BHE filed an Application proposing to revise its FL&U natural gas percentages in its Wyoming PSC Tariff No. 1, as indicated in the tables below. Each respective revised FL&U percentage would apply to BHE's Casper, Gillette, or Torrington division for the current Choice Gas program year, June 1, 2017 through May 31, 2018.

3. On March 3, 2017, the Commission issued a *Suspension Order* pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-3-106, suspending the effectiveness of the proposal for the initial period provided for in the statute.

4. On May 1, 2017, the Commission issued its *Notice of Application* containing a protest deadline of May 23, 2017, for interested persons to file a statement, intervention petition, protest, or request for a public hearing. A public notice was published in newspapers in BHE's service territories. No protests, comments, or requests for intervention or hearing were received.

5. The following tables outline the current and proposed FL&U percentages for each of BHE's divisions:

Casper Division

	Current FL&U	Proposed	Change
Mainline System Interconnect and End-Users	0.525%	0.554%	0.029
Distribution System End Users	1.689%	1.542%	(0.147)
Mainline Transportation – Choice Gas Program	0.525%	0.554%	0.029
Storage Operations – Choice Gas Program	3.283%	3.403%	0.12
Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation Process	1.164%	1.054%	(0.11)

Gillette Division

	Current FL&U	Proposed	Change
Distribution System End - Users	2.921%	3.244%	0.323
Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation Process	5.209%	3.576%	(1.633)

Torrington Division

	Current FL&U	Proposed	Change
Distribution System End - Users	0.049%	0.264%	0.215
Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&U Reconciliation Process	0.713%	0.000%	(0.713)

7. BHE's Application came before the Commission for consideration pursuant to due notice at its Open Meeting on May 30, 2017. Jerrad Hammer, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, appeared on behalf of BHE. Mr. Hammer presented the Application generally describing the information in paragraph 2. Commission Staff recommended approval of this Application.

8. Based upon the Application, statements by the Company, and the analysis and recommendations of Commission Staff, the Commission finds the Company's Application is in the public interest and should be approved, effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2017.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken on May 30, 2017, the Application of Black Hills Gas Distribution d/b/a Black Hills Energy to revise the Fuel and Lost and Unaccounted For Gas Percentages applicable in the Casper, Gillette, and Torrington divisions is approved, effective for usage on and after June 1, 2017.

2. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on July 6, 2017.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, Chairman

KARA BRIGHTON FORNSTROM, Deputy Chair

ROBIN SESSIONS COOLEY, Commissioner

(SEAL)

Attest:

STEVE MINK, Assistant Secretary