

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 F/K/A SOURCEGAS )  
DISTRIBUTION LLC TO REVISE THE FUEL )  
AND LOST AND UNACCOUNTED FOR (FL&U) )  
GAS PERCENTAGES IN THE CASPER, )  
GILLETTE AND TORRINGTON DIVISIONS )

Docket No. 30022-264-GA-16  
(Record No. 14333)

ORDER  
(Issued June 20, 2016)

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) f/k/a SourceGas Distribution LLC, 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 W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to W.S. § 37-2-112.

2. On March 1, 2016, BHE filed an application proposing to revise its FL&U natural gas percentages in its Wyoming PSC Tariff No. 1. 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, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

3. On March 3, 2016, the Commission issued a *Suspension Order* pursuant to W.S. § 37-3-106, suspending the effectiveness of the proposal for the initial period provided for in the statute.

4. On March 3, 2016, the Commission issued its *Notice of Application* containing a protest deadline of March 31, 2016, for the filing of requests for intervention. Public Notice was published in newspapers in BHE's service territory advising customers of the application and proposed changes.

5. BHE, in its application, seeks to [i] increase the percentage to mainline customers in its Casper Division; [ii] decrease the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in its Casper Division; [iii] decrease the percentage to the Choice Gas Program in its Casper Division; [iv] decrease the percentage to storage injection in its Casper Division; [v] increase the percentage to the distribution transportation customers in the Gillette Division; [vi] increase the percentage for reconciliation for the Choice Gas Program suppliers in the Gillette Division; [vii] decrease the

percentage to the distribution transportation customers in the Torrington Division; and [viii] increase the percentage for reconciliation for the Choice Gas Program suppliers in the Torrington Division. Each increased or decreased FL&U percentage would apply to BHE's Casper, Gillette or Torrington Divisions for the current Choice Gas program year, June 1, 2016 through May 31, 2017.

6. The following tables outline the current and proposed FL&U percentages for each of the Source Gas Divisions:

**Casper Division**

	<b>Current FL&amp;U</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Mainline System Interconnect and End-Users</b>	0.499%	0.525%	0.026%
<b>Distribution System End Users</b>	2.246%	1.689%	-0.557%
<b>Mainline Transportation – Choice Gas Program</b>	0.499%	0.525%	0.026%
<b>Storage Operations – Choice Gas Program</b>	3.647%	3.283%	-0.364%
<b>Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&amp;U Reconciliation Process</b>	1.747%	1.164%	-0.583%

**Gillette Division**

	<b>Current FL&amp;U</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Distribution System End - Users</b>	2.021%	2.921%	0.900%
<b>Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&amp;U Reconciliation Process</b>	2.290%	5.209%	2.919%

**Torrington Division**

	<b>Current FL&amp;U</b>	<b>Proposed</b>	<b>Change</b>
<b>Distribution System End - Users</b>	0.153%	0.049%	-0.104%
<b>Choice Gas Program Supplier FL&amp;U Reconciliation Process</b>	0.000%	0.713%	0.713%

7. BHE's application came before the Commission for consideration pursuant to due notice at its open meeting on May 31, 2016. Jerrad Hammer, Manager of Regulatory Affairs, appeared on behalf of BHE. Hammer presented the application generally describing the information in paragraph 5. Commission Staff recommended approval of this application.

8. Based upon the application, the statements by the Company, and the analysis and recommendations of the Staff, the Commission finds the Company's application should be approved, effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2016.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to open meeting action taken on May 31, 2016, the application of Black Hills Gas Distribution d/b/a Black Hills Energy f/k/a SourceGas Distribution LLC, 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, 2016.

2. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on June 20, 2016.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING



ALAN B. MINIER, Chairman



WILLIAM F. RUSSELL, Deputy Chairman



KARA BRIGHTON, Commissioner



STEVE MINK, Assistant Secretary