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Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE CONFIDENTIAL GAS PURCHASE CONTRACT FILING  
OF BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION, LLC d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR  
ITS CHOICE GAS PROGRAM YEAR ENDING MAY 31, 2019 - Docket No. 30022-  
319-GK-18 (Record No. 15070)

LETTER ORDER

(Issued May 8, 2019)

Dear Mr. Elliott:

On August 2, 2018, pursuant to Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 31, Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company) filed an application for acceptance of its five gas purchase contracts with its wholesale providers. BHE also provided the transaction confirmations supporting its Pass-On Rates for the Choice Gas Program year ending May 31, 2019. On April 26, 2019, BHE filed three additional gas purchase contracts executed with its wholesale providers for acceptance for filing with the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission). The Commission, at its Open Meeting on May 7, 2019, accepted BHE's Agreements for the Choice Gas Program year for filing. In addition, the Commission granted BHE's three *Petitions for Confidential Treatment* pursuant to Commission Rule Chapter 2, Section 30.

The Commission's authorization to place the Agreements in its files does not constitute the Commission's determination of any utility rate making issues whatsoever, which issues are

expressly reserved for decision until they are presented regularly to the Commission in appropriate proceedings.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken on May 7, 2019, Black Hills Gas Distribution d/b/a Black Hills Energy's gas purchase contracts for the Choice Gas Program year ending May 31, 2019, are hereby accepted for filing.

2. Black Hills Gas Distribution d/b/a Black Hills Energy's three *Petitions for Confidential Treatment* are granted.

3. This *Letter Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on May 8, 2019.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

  
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JOHN S. BURBRIDGE, Assistant Secretary