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Re: IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHEYENNE LIGHT, FUEL AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR AUTHORITY TO PASS ON A POWER COST ADJUSTMENT DECREASE OF \$0.00214 PER KWH FOR THE PERIOD APRIL 1, 2016 THROUGH MARCH 31, 2017 - DOCKET NO. 20003-148-EP-16 (RECORD NO. 14324)

LETTER ORDER

(Issued March 14, 2017)

Dear Ms. McDowell:

On February 15, 2017, Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company) filed its confidential Internal Audit Report (Report) in compliance with paragraph 81 of the Commission's *Memorandum Opinion, Findings and Order Approving Stipulation* issued on December 15, 2016. On this same date, BHE also filed its *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Internal Audit Report (Petition)* requesting the Commission deem its Report confidential because portions of the Report contain information related to an independent evaluation of internal controls at Black Hills Wyoming, LLC (BHW), the Company's non-regulated corporate sibling. BHE states that the Report was intended for an internal audience and contains inherently confidential risk assessments and findings. Further, because the entirety of the Report contains confidential information, BHE states it is not possible to redact it, therefore, it is necessary to treat the entire document as confidential such that the disclosure of the information would jeopardize the interest of and cause irreparable injury to the Company.

Commission Rules, Chapter 2, Section 30 provides, in part:

Upon petition, and for good cause shown, the Commission shall deem confidential any information filed with the Commission or in the custody of the Commission or staff which is shown to be of the nature described in Wyoming Statute §16-4-203(a), (b), (d) or (g). All information for which confidential treatment is requested shall be treated as confidential until the Commission rules whether, and to what extent, the information shall be given confidential treatment.

BHE's *Petition* came before the Commission pursuant to due notice at its open meeting on March 7, 2017. Lori Brand, Commission Counsel, recommended granting the *Petition*.

The Commission finds that the Company's *Petition* is generally consistent with the provisions of Commission Rules, Chapter 2, Section 30, and the information described therein is of the character subject to protection under this Rule. The Commission concludes that BHE has shown good cause for its request.


IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to open meeting action taken March 7, 2017, Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy's *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Internal Audit Report* is granted.
2. This *Letter Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on March 14, 2017.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


LORI L. BRAND, Assistant Secretary
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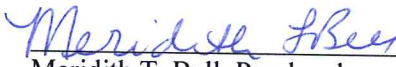
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