BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHEYENNE LIGHT, FUEL AND POWER COMPANY D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AND OPERATE TWO 115 KV SUBSTATIONS, ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION LINES, AND RELATED FACILITIES IN LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING	)))))))))	DOCKET NO. 20003-201-EN-21 (RECORD NO. 15756)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

(Issued April 7, 2021)

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's (Commission) Rules and Regulations, notice is hereby given of the Application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Cheyenne Light or the Company) for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) to construct and operate two 115kV substations and associated transmission lines, and related facilities in Laramie County, Wyoming, as more fully described below:

1. Cheyenne Light is a public utility, as defined in Wyo. Stat. §37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §37-2-112.

2. On March 31, 2021, the Company submitted an Application together with exhibits requesting the Commission grant a CPCN to construct and operate two 115kV substations and associated transmission lines, and related facilities in Laramie County, Wyoming (the Sweetgrass Project). The Company states that Microsoft, Inc. (Microsoft) has been growing its operations in Cheyenne since 2012. Recently, Microsoft secured property in the Bison Business Parkway to expand their data center operation in Cheyenne to a third data center campus location. The Bison Project is necessary to extend service to Microsoft's new data center campus.

3. Specifically, the Bison Project will include a new 115 kV substation named the Sweetgrass Substation, as well as a new 115 kV and 24.9 kV substation named the Bison Substation. In addition, the project includes the expansion of the existing Cheyenne Prairie Generation Station (CPGS) Substation and the South Cheyenne Substation, and seven new transmission lines totaling approximately 11 miles in length. The Sweetgrass Project will be located in Laramie County and will include an interconnection to the Cheyenne Light transmission system at the existing CPGS and South Cheyenne substations and at the proposed Campstool Substation.

4. The Company estimates the cost of the Sweetgrass Project at $42,278,547, and the proposed construction timeline begins in the third quarter of 2011 with a planned in-service date in the third quarter of 2022 and concluding in the second quarter of 2023. Microsoft has agreed to pay the costs of the Sweetgrass Project over a 15-year period pursuant to a Facility Expansion Agreement (Agreement). The Agreement contains provisions to protect Cheyenne Light and its other customers from the risk of a stranded asset if Microsoft were to discontinue service prior to

fully paying for the project. Depreciation of the facilities included in the Sweetgrass Project coincide with the 15-year term and if Microsoft were to leave the system prior to the end of that term, the net book value of the facilities will be immediately due from Microsoft. Cheyenne Light's Application included a *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Exhibits 2, 3 and 6.*

5. This is not a complete description of Cheyenne Light's Application. Interested persons may inspect the entire Application at Cheyenne Light's Wyoming offices and at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours. The Application may also be reviewed on line at: http: //psc.state.wy.us.

6. Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, protest, intervention petition or request for a public hearing in this matter must file with the Commission in writing on or before May 7, 2021. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention or request for hearing as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

7. If you wish to intervene in this matter or request a public hearing that you will attend, or you wish to file a public comment, statement, or protest, 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 No. 20003-201-EN-21 in your communications.

Dated: April 7, 2021.

8. Published notice in this matter shall consist of paragraphs 1 through 7 hereof.

9. This *Notice of Application* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on April 7, 2021.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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