

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF BLACK HILLS WYOMING GAS, LLC)
d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY, TO)
IMPLEMENT WYOMING INTEGRITY)
RIDER RATES OF \$0.0179 PER THERM)
FOR RESIDENTIAL GENERAL)
SERVICE, \$0.0126 PER THERM FOR)
SMALL GENERAL SERVICE, \$0.0119)
PER THERM FOR MEDIUM GENERAL)
SERVICE, \$0.0067 PER THERM FOR)
LARGE GENERAL SERVICE, AND)
\$0.0066 PER THERM FOR ON-SYSTEM)
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE)

Docket No. 30026-51-GM-21
(Record No. 16966)

ORDER

(Issued September 1, 2022)

This matter is before the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) upon the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC (BHWG or the Company), d/b/a Black Hills Energy, for authority to implement Wyoming Integrity Rider (WIR) rates. The Commission, having reviewed the Application, its files concerning BHWG, applicable Wyoming utility law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, FINDS and CONCLUDES:

1. BHWG is a public utility under Wyo. Stat. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D) and therefore, subject to the Commission’s jurisdiction pursuant to Wyo. Stat. § 37-2-112.
2. On November 1, 2021, BHWG filed its Application, together with testimony and exhibits, requesting authority to implement WIR rates on an interim basis, subject to refund, beginning January 1, 2022, with final rates authorized on or before April 1, 2022.
3. On November 9, 2021, the Commission set a public comment and intervention deadline of December 8, 2021, in its *Notice of Application*, which newspapers in BHWG’s service area published. The Commission did not receive any comments or petitions for intervention.
4. On December 1, 2021, the Commission issued a Suspension Order, pursuant to Wyo. Stat. §37-3-106(c), suspending the effectiveness of the Application for the initial statutory period.
5. The WIR is a mechanism designed to recover costs arising between general rate cases. The costs result from the Company’s investments in integrity programs intended to improve the safety and reliability of the system for all customers. Specific integrity programs include: Data Infrastructure Improvement Program; At-Risk Meter Relocation and Yard Line Replacement Program; Span and Exposed Pipe Replacement Program; Problematic Pipe Replacement Program; Transmission Integrity Projects; and Storage Integrity Projects.

6. The Commission considered BHWG's Application at its Open Meeting on December 30, 2021, at which time the Commission approved interim rates for use on and after January 1, 2022. The Application came before the Commission again at its Open Meeting on March 29, 2022, requesting implementation of final rates.

7. Based on the Application, the Company's representations and the analysis and recommendations of Commission Staff, the Commission finds and concludes that BHWG's Application to implement final WIR rates complies with past *Orders* of the Commission, as well as existing WIR tariffs and should be approved.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. Pursuant to Open Meeting action taken on March 29, 2022, the Application of Black Hills Wyoming Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, to implement final Wyoming Integrity Rider rates, is hereby approved

2. This *Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on September 1, 2022.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING




CHRISTOPHER B. PETRIE, Chairman


MICHAEL M. ROBINSON, Deputy Chairman


MARY A. THRONE, Commissioner

(SEAL)
Attest:


WESLEY G. NEUMAN, Assistant Secretary

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on Sept. 2, 2022, a copy of the Commission's *Order* was sent via electronic mail or hand delivery to the following:

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