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Re:

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF CHEYENNE LIGHT, FUEL AND POWER d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO DECREASE RATES TO ACCOUNT FOR THE EFFECT OF THE TAX CUTS AND JOBS ACT OF 2017 -- DOCKET NO. 20003-175-ER-18 (RECORD NO. 15139)

# <u>LETTER ORDER</u> (Issued August 9, 2019)

## Dear Counsel:

On June 18-19, 2019, the Commission held a public hearing in Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company's d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Cheyenne Light or the Company), Application to decrease rates to account of the effect of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA). During the public hearing Cheyenne Light offered, and they were accepted, confidential Exhibits 14-20 into the record. At that time, Cheyenne Light made a verbal request for confidential treatment of confidential Exhibits 14-20. At the conclusion of the public hearing on June 19, 2019, the Commission closed the record and held deliberations. During deliberations, the Commission granted Cheyenne Light's verbal *Petition* for confidential treatment of Exhibits 14-20 because the information contained in these exhibits is protected from public disclosure and is of such a sensitive nature that disclosure of the information could jeopardize the commercial interests of the Company's customers and/or Cheyenne Light.

Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules provides, in part:

(a) 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.

The Company's verbal *Petition* came before the Commission at its public deliberations on June 19, 2019. Commission Counsel recommended granting the *Petition*.

The Commission finds that the Company's *Petition* is generally consistent with the provisions of Chapter 2, Section 30 of the Commission's Rules and the information described therein is of the character subject to protection under Wyo. Stat. § 16-4-203(d)(v) and this Rule. The Commission concludes that the Company has shown good cause for its request.

# IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. Pursuant to action taken during public deliberations held on June 19 2019, Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy's verbal *Petition for Confidential Treatment of Exhibits 14-20*, is granted.
  - 2. This *Letter Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on August 9 2019.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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