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Shirley Welte VP Operations, BHE Wyoming Gas and Electric CLFP d/b/a Black Hills Energy 1301 West 24th Street Cheyenne, WY 82001

Re:

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 HIGH PRESSURE GAS TRANSMISSION PIPELINES AND RELATED FACILITIES IN LARAMIE COUNTY, WYOMING - DOCKET NO. 30005-224-GA-17 (RECORD NO. 14672)

<u>LETTER ORDER</u> (Issued May 12, 2017)

Dear Ms. Welte:

On March 30, 2017, Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company) filed its Amended Petition for Confidential Treatment of Exhibits 3, 5A, 5B, 8 and 10 to Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (Amended Petition) requesting the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission) deem the requested Exhibits as confidential. BHE states the Amended Petition proposes to remove the confidential designation for Exhibits 5A and 5B in their entirety and offer redacted public versions of these Exhibits. The Exhibits contain a combination of confidential information, proprietary information or commercially sensitive information and disclosure of such information would jeopardize BHE's commercial interests.

Commission Rule Chapter 2, Section 30 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.

BHE's *Amended Petition* came before the Commission pursuant to due notice at its open meeting on May 9, 2017. Commission Counsel recommended granting the *Amended Petition*. The Commission finds that the Company's *Amended Petition* is generally consistent with the provisions of Commission Rule Chapter 2, Section 30, and should be granted. The Commission concludes that BHE has shown good cause for its request.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

- 1. Pursuant to open meeting action taken May 9, 2017, Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company d/b/a Black Hills Energy's *Amended Petition for Confidential Treatment of Exhibits 3, 5A, 5B, 8 and 10 to Application for Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity* is granted.
 - 2. This *Letter Order* is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, on May 12, 2017.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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