

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
CHEYENNE LIGHT, FUEL AND POWER CO.) DOCKET NO. 20003-198-EN-21
D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR A) (RECORD NO. 15688)
CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE)
AND NECESSITY TO CONSTRUCT AND)
OPERATE A 115 KV SUBSTATION,)
ASSOCIATED TRANSMISSION LINES, AND)
RELATED FACILITIES IN LARAMIE)
COUNTY, WYOMING)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

(Issued January 13, 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 a 115kV substation 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 January 8, 2021, the Company submitted an Application together with exhibits requesting the Commission grant a CPCN to construct and operate a new 115kV substation and associated transmission lines, and related facilities in Laramie County, Wyoming (the Campstool Substation Project). The Company states that Microsoft, Inc. (Microsoft) has been growing its operations in Cheyenne since 2012. Recently, Microsoft secured property in the Cheyenne Business Parkway, commonly referred to as the East Business Park, to expand their data center operation in Cheyenne to a second data center campus location. The Campstool Substation Project is necessary to extend service to Microsoft’s new data center campus.
3. Specifically, the Campstool Substation Project will include a new 115 kV and 24.9 kV substation, the addition of two new transmission lines approximately 1.5 miles in length, and an expansion of the existing East Business Park Substation and associated facilities.
4. The Company estimates the cost of the Campstool Substation Project at \$15,415,855, and the proposed construction timeline begins in the third quarter of 2021 with a planned in-service date in the second quarter of 2022. Microsoft has agreed to pay the costs of the Campstool Substation 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 Campstool Substation 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 be immediately due from Microsoft.

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 February 15, 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. 20003-198-EN-21 (Record No. 15688) in your communications.

Dated: January 13, 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 January 13, 2021.



BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Austin D. Huff". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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