

## PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to the Wyoming Administrative Procedure Act and the Wyoming Public Service Commission's Rules, the Commission hereby gives notice of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a/ Black Hills Energy (BHE or the Company), for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity to construct and operate a 230/69 kV substation and related facilities, as more fully described below.

BHE is a public utility as defined in W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(C), which provides retail electric public utility service under Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity (CPCN) issued by the Wyoming Public Service Commission (Commission). BHE is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to W.S. § 37-2-112.

On June 1, 2018, BHE submitted its Application seeking a CPCN to construct and operate a new 230/69 kV substation (Sagebrush Substation) and related facilities pursuant (Project) to W.S. § 37-2-205 and Commission Rule Chapter 3, Section 21. The Project consists of construction of a new 230/69 kV substation, in northeastern Wyoming, approximately two miles northwest of Newcastle, Weston County, Wyoming, in order to provide more reliable service to BHE customers in the Osage and Newcastle areas.

BHE states that the Sagebrush Substation is to be located in northeastern Wyoming approximately two miles northwest of Newcastle, southwest of Highway 16 in portions of the E ½ of the SE ¼ of Section 22, T45N, R62W, of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Weston County, Wyoming.

According to BHE, the total cost of the construction is estimated to be \$6.4 million. Financing the construction of the Sagebrush Substation will be through the use of internally generated funds.

According to the Company, current BHE customers in the Osage and Newcastle area are served with a single 230/69 kV transformer at the Osage Substation that feeds the local 69 kV sub-transmission network. When there is an outage on the transformer, the Osage Substation is fed from the Hughes 230/69 kV Substation via a 46-mile 69 kV line. Current peak demand and the considerable distance from the Hughes Substation results in depressed system voltages when the Osage transformer is out of service. The addition of the Sagebrush Substation will address the low voltages at the current peak demand and accommodate future demand growth.

This is not a complete description of the Application. Interested persons may inspect the Application at BHE's business offices, at the Commission's offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours or on the Commission's data management system at <https://dms.wyo.gov/>.

Anyone desiring to file a public comment, statement, intervention petition, or protest in this matter, must so file with the Commission in writing on or before July 20, 2018. Any intervention request filed with the Commission shall set forth the grounds of the proposed intervention as well as the position and the interest of the petitioner in this proceeding.

If you wish to intervene in this matter and you require reasonable accommodation for a disability, call the Commission at (307) 777-7427 or write to the Commission, 2515 Warren Avenue, Suite 300, Cheyenne, Wyoming 82002. Communications-impaired persons may contact the Commission through Wyoming Relay at 711. Please mention Docket No. 20002-106-EA-18 in your communications.

Dated: June 28, 2018.