

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WYOMING**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
CHEYENNE LIGHT, FUEL & POWER CO., FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO PASS ON A GAS COST ADJUSTMENT )  
INCREASE OF APPROXIMATELY \$1.15 PER DTH )  
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DOCKET NO. 30005-GP-00-75  
(RECORD NO. 5795)

**NOTICE AND ORDER**

**(Issued July 13, 2000)**

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of Wyoming (Commission) upon the out-of-period application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Company (Cheyenne Light or the Company) for authority to pass on a net wholesale natural gas cost increase of \$5,662,454 per annum, or approximately \$1.15 per decatherm (Dth), through its Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), effective July 1, 2000.

The Commission, having reviewed the application, its files concerning Cheyenne Light, applicable Wyoming utility law, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, hereby FINDS and CONCLUDES:

1. Cheyenne Light is a public utility as defined, by W.S. § 37-1-101(a)(vi)(D), and as such, is subject to the Commission's jurisdiction pursuant to W.S. § 37-2-112.
2. On June 13, 2000, Cheyenne Light filed its out-of-period application in this matter, citing dramatic increases in natural gas costs anticipated by the Company during the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. The application further stated that the proposed adjustment reflects significantly higher natural gas prices than those included in the Company's last annual GCA application, effective October 1, 1999. As a result of the recent dramatic increase in natural gas prices, and the anticipation that natural gas prices will remain high over an extended period of time in the future, Cheyenne Light anticipates increases in market-dependent contracts with the Company's natural gas producers/suppliers. A more detailed description of Cheyenne Light's gas cost forecast is contained in the application and attachments.
3. The table below shows the current and proposed rates, by tariff, and illustrates the increase sought in each case:

**Summary of Gas Cost Adjustment - Effective July 1, 2000**

Effected Tariff	July 1,2000 Cost (\$/Dth)	Oct. 1,1999 Cost (\$/Dth)	Net Change (\$/Dth)
RG*	4.0675	2.9172	1.1503
CG	4.0675	2.9172	1.1503
IG	3.7826	2.6323	1.1503
SCS-1	3.7826	2.6323	1.1503
SCS-2	3.7826	2.6323	1.1503
TF - Firm Supply Reservation	4.8810	4.8810	0
TF- Back up Supply	3.7826	2.6323	1.1503
TF- Authorized Overrun	3.7826	2.6323	1.1503
TI - On Peak Demand	6.9887	6.9887	0

\* The proposed pass on will increase an average residential customer's monthly natural gas costs by approximately \$11.50, based on a monthly usage of about 10 decatherms.

4. Pursuant to Sections 249 and 250 of the Commission's Rules, a utility may pass on to its customers known or prospective wholesale commodity cost increases or decreases under the following circumstances, subject to public notice, opportunity for hearing and refund:

- a. The pass on is for wholesale commodity cost changes which are not under the Commission's jurisdiction.
- b. The pass on does not increase a utility's rate of return and the utility is earning at or below its last authorized rate of return.
- c. The pass on is applied to all rate classes in an equal or proportional manner.
- d. The pass on charges are filed as a separate, cumulative rate rider.
- e. There are provisions for interest on over collections.
- f. The utility provides documentation that the commodity costs are the most economical option reasonably available.

5. Cheyenne Light's application generally [i] conforms to the above-referenced requirements and [ii] constitutes a compliance with the authorized use of Cheyenne Light's balancing account as established by the Commission for Cheyenne Light in previous dockets.

6. Cheyenne Light's application is on file with the Commission at its offices in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and at the Company's offices also located in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and may be inspected there by any interested person during regular business hours.

7. Anyone desiring to intervene as a party, file a statement, representation, protest or request for hearing in this matter must do so, in writing, on or before August 10, 2000.

8. If you wish to intervene in this matter or to request a public hearing which you will attend, 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 1-800-877-9965. Please mention the docket number in your communications. Please contact us as soon as possible to help us serve you better.

9. The Commission directs that the public notice in this matter be in the following form:

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Company (Cheyenne Light) has filed an out-of-period commodity balancing account application with the Public Service Commission for authority to pass on a net wholesale gas cost increase of \$5,662,454, or approximately \$1.15 per decatherm (Dth), through its Gas Cost Adjustment.

Cheyenne Light filed its out-of-period application in this matter, citing dramatic increases in natural gas costs anticipated by the Company during the period July 1, 2000 through June 30, 2001. As a result of the recent dramatic increase in natural gas prices, and the anticipation that natural gas prices will remain high over an extended period of time in the future, Cheyenne Light anticipates increases in market-dependent contracts with the Company's natural gas producers/suppliers. A more detailed description of Cheyenne Light's gas cost forecast is contained in the application and attachments.

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TI- Back up Supply	3.7826	2.6323	1.1503
CNG	3.7826	2.6323	1.1503

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You may review Cheyenne Light's application at the offices of the Commission or the offices of Cheyenne Light, both located in Cheyenne, Wyoming, during regular business hours.

To intervene, request a hearing, file a statement or to protest this application, you must file with the Commission, in writing, mentioning Docket No. 30005-GP-00-75, on or before August 10, 2000.

For more information, please contact the Commission at (307) 777-7427 in Cheyenne during regular business hours, or write the Commission at 2515 Warren Avenue Suite 300, Cheyenne, WY, 82002. Communications impaired persons may also contact the Commission by accessing Wyoming Relay at 1-800-877-9965. Please mention the docket number when you contact us. Please contact us as soon as possible to help us serve you better.

Dated: July 13, 2000.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED THAT:**

1. Pursuant to open meeting action taken on June 29, 2000, the application of Cheyenne Light, Fuel & Power Company for authority to pass on a net wholesale gas cost increase of \$5,662,454 per annum, or approximately \$1.15 per decatherm (Dth), through its Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), as more fully described hereinabove, and effective for service rendered on and after July 1, 2000, is hereby approved, subject to notice, protest, investigation, opportunity for hearing, change, refund or other such and further order as the Commission may deem appropriate.
2. The tariffs filed with this application are hereby accepted for filing.
3. This Notice and Order is effective immediately.

MADE and ENTERED at Cheyenne, Wyoming, this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

Public Service Commission of Wyoming

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STEVE ELLENBECKER, Chairman

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STEVE FURTNEY, Deputy Chair

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KRISTIN H. LEE, Commissioner

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

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EDNA YOUNG, Assistant Secretary