



## **Black Hills Corp. Electric Utility Receives Approval for New Rates in Wyoming**

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RAPID CITY, S.D., Jan. 27, 2023 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) today announced that its Wyoming electric utility, Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company, doing business as Black Hills Energy, received approval from the Wyoming Public Service Commission of a settlement agreement for new rates to recover approximately \$250 million of investments since its last rate review in 2014.

"We are pleased to receive approval of a settlement that supports our long-term commitment to serving customers and the greater Cheyenne community with safe and reliable service," said Linn Evans, president and CEO of Black Hills Corp. "Maintaining top-quartile electric reliability is pivotal to cultivating economic stability and helping support growth in the Cheyenne region. Our ongoing Ready Wyoming transmission expansion project will also enhance resiliency and reliability efforts while delivering ongoing benefits to our customers."

The approved settlement agreement will generate approximately \$8.7 million of new annual revenues based on a capital structure of 52% equity, 48% debt and a return on equity of 9.75%. New rates will be effective March 1, 2023, and the approved settlement also includes a new transmission rider that will be filed annually to recover transmission investment and expenses.

### **Black Hills Corporation**

Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) is a customer focused, growth-oriented utility company with a tradition of improving life with energy and a vision to be the energy partner of choice. Based in Rapid City, South Dakota, the company serves 1.3 million natural gas and electric utility customers in eight states: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. More information is available at [www.blackhillscorp.com](http://www.blackhillscorp.com) and [www.blackhillsenergy.com](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com).

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New factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in forward looking statements emerge from time-to-time, and it is not possible for us to predict all such factors, or the extent to which any such factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ from those contained in any forward-looking statement. We assume no obligation to update publicly any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.