

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

<p>IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. TO ESTABLISH AN ENVIRONMENTAL MEASURES COST RECOVERY TARIFF</p>	<p>)))))))</p>	<p>ORDER ACCEPTING RATE CASE SUBMISSION AS ANNUAL REPORT OF JURISDICTIONAL FINANCIAL CONDITION</p> <p align="center">EL11-001</p>
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On January 25, 2011, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a petition from Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) requesting the Commission to approve its tariff filing establishing an Environmental Improvement Adjustment (EIA) pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-97 through 49-34A-100. On June 17, 2011, the Commission issued an Order Approving Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Approving Tariffs. The Settlement Stipulation required BHP to submit an annual informational report of its South Dakota jurisdictional financial condition for the preceding calendar year. On May 11, 2012, Commission Staff (Staff) filed an Amendment to Settlement Stipulation. On May 24, 2012, the Commission issued an Order Approving the Amendment to the Settlement Stipulation which changed the date for submission of the Annual Report of South Dakota Jurisdictional Financial Condition from June 1 to April 15 of each year. On April 4, 2013, BHP filed a letter requesting the Commission to accept Statements A through R and Work Papers 1 through 4 submitted in Docket EL12-061 on December 17, 2012, as BHP's 2012 Annual Report of South Dakota Jurisdictional Financial Condition.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-97 through 49-34A-100.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 23, 2013, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff stated it had no objection to BHP's request. The Commission voted unanimously to accept Statements A through R and Work Papers 1 through 4 submitted in Docket EL12-061 on December 17, 2012, as BHP's 2012 Annual Report of South Dakota Jurisdictional Financial Condition. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Commission accepts Statements A through R and Work Papers 1 through 4 submitted in Docket EL12-061 on December 17, 2012, as BHP's 2012 Annual Report of South Dakota Jurisdictional Financial Condition.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of April, 2013.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically.</p> <p>By: <u>[Signature]</u></p> <p>Date: <u>4.24.13</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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GARY HANSON, Chairman

[Signature: Chris Nelson]
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner