

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR )  
APPROVAL OF TRANSMISSION )  
FACILITIES ADJUSTMENT )**

**ORDER ASSESSING  
FILING FEE  
  
EL14-013**

On February 14, 2014, Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) filed an Application for Transmission Facilities Adjustment (TFA) with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). BHP proposes to recover approximately \$586,000 associated with two 69 kV transmission rebuild projects. BHP proposes TFA rates effective June 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015. Approximately 65,000 South Dakota customers will be affected by the TFA rate change. The bill increase for a typical residential customer averaging 650 kWh per month will be approximately \$0.26 or 0.3%.

On February 20, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 7, 2014, to interested persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A and 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 4, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested that the Commission assess a filing fee of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) as authorized by SDCL 49-1A-8 to defray expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee for actual expenses incurred in the review of this filing up to the statutory limit of \$50,000. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2014.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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.

By: Joy Lashley

Date: 03-05-14

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

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