

**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 TARIFF REVISIONS) RELATED TO ITS COST OF SERVICE) GAS AGREEMENT WITH BLACK HILLS) UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC.)	ORDER AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO CONSULTING CONTRACTS EL15-036
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On September 30, 2015, Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Approval of Tariff Revisions (Application). BHP seeks authorization and approval of (1) revisions to its Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPPA) tariff provision for its electric utility operations to include the costs incurred by BHP under its Cost of Service Gas Agreement (COSG Agreement) between BHP and Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc. (BHUH); (2) the COSG Agreement, as may be determined necessary by the Commission; and (3) granting waivers, conditions, approvals or other and further relief as the Commission deems necessary or appropriate. BHP proposes the tariff revision be effective upon approval by the Commission.

On October 1, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 20, 2015, to interested persons on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and ARSD 20:10:13.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on October 13, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested that the Commission give the Executive Director authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts. The Commission voted unanimously to give the Executive Director authority to enter into necessary consulting contracts. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Executive Director is authorized to enter into necessary consulting contracts.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of October, 2015.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Karen E. Bremer</u>
Date: <u>10-16-2015</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner