

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF ) BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA BLACK ) HILLS ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF 2016 ) TRANSMISSION FACILITY ADJUSTMENT )</b>	<b>ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE  EL16-005</b>
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On February 16, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) for approval of its 2016 Transmission Facilities Adjustment (TFA). BHE seeks approval of the annual true-up of the actual amounts collected in the second year of the TFA, as approved in Docket EL15-007, and the forecasted recovery of revenue requirements associated with the third year of the TFA. BHE proposes TFA rates effective June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017. Approximately 68,000 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 0.02%.

On February 18, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 4, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2016, 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 BHE 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 1st day of March, 2016.

**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: *Rolayne West*

Date: 3-1-16

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner