

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA )  
BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR )  
APPROVAL OF A REVISION TO THE )  
ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS )  
ADJUSTMENT (EESA) RATES )**      **ORDER APPROVING ENERGY  
EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS PLAN  
STATUS REPORT FOR PROGRAM  
YEAR 2015 AND UPDATED EESA  
COST RECOVERY FACTORS**

**EL16-034**

On October 17, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHP) filed for approval of a revision to its Energy Efficiency Solutions Adjustment (EESA) Rates. BHP requests approval to increase its EESA rates effective December 1, 2016. BHP proposes to raise the residential service EESA rate of \$0.0004/kWh to \$0.0008/kWh and the commercial and industrial services EESA rate of \$0.0009/kWh to \$0.0013/kWh. BHP also filed its Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report for Program Year 2015 and Balancing Account for Program Year 2015.

On October 20, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 4, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 16, 2016, BHP filed its responses to Commission Staff's data requests and revised exhibits. On November 17, 2016, BHP filed revised tariff sheets.

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 3C

Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 11

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 21

Cancels Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 11

Cancels Fourth Revised Sheet No. 21

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Commission Staff (Staff) filed its memorandum on November 18, 2016.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 22, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the PY 2015 Status Report as revised per the Company's responses to Staff's data requests 1-6 and 2-2, the balancing account for PY 2015, including the performance incentive recovery, as revised to the 30% of budget cap per the Company's response to Staff's data request 2-2, and the proposed revised EESA rates of \$0.0007/kWh for residential service and \$0.0013/kWh for commercial and industrial services including the associated tariff sheets effective December 1, 2016. After considering this matter, the Commission voted unanimously to approve BHP's application as per Staff's recommendations. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP's status report for Program Year 2015 and the balancing account for Program Year 2015, including the performance incentive recovery, as revised per BHP's responses to Staff's data requests, are approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the proposed EESA rates of \$0.0007/kWh for residential services and

\$0.0013/kWh for commercial and industrial services are approved, effective December 1, 2016.  
It is further

ORDERED, that the tariff sheets referenced above are hereby approved effective for services rendered on and after December 1, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2016.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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>Adam Lettueck</u>
Date: <u>11/28/16</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner