

2008-2017

ENERGY FACILITY PLAN

THE SUBSEQUENT BIENNIAL REPORT OF THE TEN YEAR PLAN

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BLACK HILLS POWER - ENERGY FACILITY PLAN

§20:10:21:02 Ten year plans

This 2008 submittal is for Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) subsequent biennial report of the ten year plan which will restate each area required by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commissions Rule, Chapter 20:10:21.

§20:10:21:03 Contents of plans.

BHP's plan contains all sections from §20:10:21:02 - §20:10:21:25.

§20:10:21:04 Existing Energy Conversion Facilities

1. The Ben French facility is located in Pennington County in the Northwest area of Rapid City, along Deadwood Avenue (393). The site is located in Section 34, Township 2N, Range 7E. The Ben French site has a combination of one (1) steam turbine, four (4) combustion turbines and five (5) internal combustion diesels.

The name plate rating and net capacity of the units are:

UNIT TYPE	# OF	GENERATOR	NET	PRIMARY
	UNITS	RATING	RATING	FUEL
Steam Turbine	1	25 MW	21.6 MW	Sub-bituminous Coal
Combustion	4	25.2 MW	20.2 MW	Diesel Fuel Oil
Turbine		each	each	Natural Gas
Internal Combustion	5	2 MW	2 MW	Diesel
Diesels		each	each	Fuel Oil
2TOTAL	10	135.8	112.4	

The 2006 and 2007 net Megawatt (MWH) generation of these units was:

TYPE	2006 MWH's	2007 MWH's
Steam Turbine (MWH)	143,650	137,894
Combustion Turbine Combined (MWH)	3,991	7,083
Internal Combustion Diesels Combined (MWH)	-145	-239

The fuel source for the steam turbine is sub-bituminous coal which is supplied by the Wyodak Resource Development Corporation Clovis Point mine, located near Gillette, Wyoming. The steam plant consumed 129,219 tons of coal in 2006 and 123,457 tons in 2007.

The water source for this entire generating facility is private wells located on the property. The wells draw water from the Madison & Minnekahta Formations. Water consumed in 2006 was 349.50 acre feet and in 2007 362.34 acre feet.

The fuel oil used by the combustion turbines and internal combustion diesels is supplied from regional refineries and delivered by truck to Ben French. The combustion turbines used a total of 13,273 gallons in 2006 and 43,334 gallons in 2007. The Internal combustion diesels consumed a total of 16,450 gallons in 2006 and 9,352 gallons in 2007.

The combustion turbines are able to use Natural Gas as a fuel also. Natural Gas is supplied from regional suppliers on a monthly bid basis and transported by Williston Basin Interstate Pipeline through the Krebs Border Station. The combustion turbines consumed 79,416 MCF for 2006 and 122,282 MCF for 2007.

No retirements are planned for the generation equipment at the Ben French Plant.

2. The Lange LM6000 combustion turbine unit is located in Pennington County in the northwest area of Rapid City, off Tatonka Drive at 2900 Lange Ranch Road. The site is located in the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 22, Township 2N, Range 7E.

The name plate rating and net capacity of the unit is:

LINUT TVDE	# OF	GENERATOR	NET	PRIMARY
UNIT TYPE	UNITS	RATING	RATING	FUEL
Combustion Turbine	1	40 MW	38 MW	Natural Gas

The 2006 and 2007 net MWH generation for this facility was as follows:

TYPE	2006 MWH's	2007 MWH's
Combustion Turbine	23,846	32,121

The water source for the Lange facility is provided by a private well in the Minnelusa formation. The 2006 use was 15.26 acre feet and the 2007 use was 16.41 acre feet. The combustion turbine uses Natural Gas as its fuel type. Natural Gas is supplied from regional suppliers on a monthly bid basis and transported by Williston Basin Interstate

Pipeline through the Lange Border Station. The combustion turbines consumed 255,097 MCF for 2006 and 347,922 MCF for 2007.

There are no plans to retire the Lange facility.

§20:10:21:05 Proposed Energy Conversion Facilities.

Black Hills Power has no proposed energy conversion facilities for the ensuing 10 calendar years.

§20:10:21:06 Existing Transmission Facilities.

Black Hills Power is an investor-owned utility and operates and owns, with Basin Electric Power Cooperative, a looped 230 kV transmission system which includes an AC/DC/AC converter station at Rapid City. The 69 kV transmission system is supported from the 230 kV transmission system from substations at Spearfish, Lead, Rapid City, Hot Springs, and Wyodak; and by generation located in Rapid City, South Dakota, and Osage & Gillette, Wyoming. Power is also delivered through interconnection with other systems. The interconnecting points to other systems are at Stegall, Nebraska and the Wyodak Substation at Gillette, Wyoming.

LOCATION	TYPE	CONDUCTOR	VOLTAGE
SOUTH DAKOTA:			
Wyodak-Lookout	H-Wood	1272 MCMAL	230 kV
Lookout-Lange	H-Wood	1272 MCMAL	230 kV
Lange-S. Rapid	H-Wood	795 MCMAL	230 kV
S. Rapid-West Hill	H-Wood	795/1272 MCMAL	230 kV
West Hill-Stegall	H-Wood	1272 MCMAL	230 kV
West Hill-Osage	H-Wood	1272 MCMAL	230 kV
Lange-Ben French	H-Wood	795 MCM	69 kV
DC Tie West			230 kV
Osage-Yellowcreek	H-Wood	1272 MCM ACRS	230 kV
WYOMING:			
Wyodak-Lookout	H-Wood	1272 MCM	230 kV
Wyodak-D/C Exit	SP-Steel	1272 MCM	230 kV
Osage-West Hill	H-Wood	1272 MCMAL	230 kV
Osage-Wyodak	H-Wood	1272 MCMAL	230 kV
NS1-NSII	SP-Steel	795 MCM ACSR	69 kV
Osage-Yellowcreek	H-Wood	1272 MCM ACSR	230 kV
Osage 230 kV Sub-	-		
Osage 69 kV Sub	Wood	795 MCM ACSR	230 kV

LOCATION	TYPE	CONDUCTOR	VOLTAGE
WYOMING CONT	INUED:		
NS1-Wyodak	H-Wood		69 kV
NEBRÁSKA:			
West Hill-Stegall	H-Wood	1272 MCM	230 kV

Retirement dates on these facilities has not been determined or anticipated at this time.

§20:10:21:07 Proposed Transmission Facilities.

Planned Activity for the ensuing years.

2008 Lookout #2 230 kV Transformer addition:

- * Required for reliability and to serve additional loads in the area.
- * 150 MVA 230/69 kV transformer.
- * Estimated costs \$3-3.5 million dollars.

2008-2010 Addition of a 230 kV Line from Wyodak (Gillette WY) south towards Dave Johnston facility (Glenrock, WY).

- * Associated 230 kV substation facilities required near Wyodak, Pumpkin Buttes, and Dave Johnston locations to interconnect line segment.
- * Required to support additional loads, power transfers and interconnection of generation resources which serve the Black Hills area.
- * Estimated costs \$40-45 million dollars.

2009 Rapid City 230 kV Voltage Support:

- * Required for reliable load service in the Rapid City area.
- * 100 MVar of auto-switched capacitors.
- * Estimated costs \$4-5 million dollars.

2010-2011 Minnekahta 230/69 kV Substation addition:

- * Required to serve additional loads and provide voltage support in the Southern Hills area.
- * 100-150 MVA 230/69 kV transformer and new substation.
- * Estimated costs \$7-8 million dollars.

2013-2014 St. Onge 230/69 kV Substation addition:

- * Required to serve additional loads in the area.
- * 150 MVA 230/69 kV transformer and new substation
- * Estimated costs \$7-8 million dollars.

2012-2015 Teckla-Osage-Lange 230 kV line addition:

- * Required for reliabile load service in the Black Hills and Rapid City areas.
- * 118 miles of new 230 kV line.
- * Estimated costs \$45-50 million dollars.

§20:10:21:08 Coordination of plans.

Black Hills Power is a member of Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and reports regional information through this agency. Black Hills Power is also a member of the Norther Tier Transmission Group (NTTG) Planning Committee and actively participates in the Colorado Coordinated Planning Group (CCPG). Both NTTG and CCPG are recognized sub-regional planning groups within the WECC.

Black Hills Power, Basin Electric Power Cooperative (Basin Electric) and Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp) through participation in a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) filed "Common Use System Open-Access Transmission Tariff" perform joint planning studies on their facilities that serve loads in South Dakota and Wyoming.

§20:10:21:09 Single Regional Plans.

Black Hills Power, Basin Electric Power Cooperative and Powder River Energy Corporation own and operate a joint transmission system within the Black Hills and portions of the NE Wyoming region. The three companies jointly plan, coordinate and expand the transmission system to ensure reliable service to our customers. The proposed facilities mentioned in Section 20:10:21:07 are incorporated in a single plan for the Black Hills and NE Wyoming region.

§ 20:10:21:10 Submission of Regional Plan.

As future joint transmission studies between Basin Electric, Black Hills Power and PRECorp are completed and show the need for additional facilities to support regional loads, those study(s) will be submitted to the commission.

§20:10:21:11 Utility Relationships.

Black Hills Power has interconnections with PacifiCorp (PAC) and Western Area Power Administration – Rocky Mountain Region (WAPA-RMR).

We are members of Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC), Rocky Mountain Reserve Group (RMRG), Mid-Continent Energy Marketers Association (MEMA) plus belonging to Rocky Mountain Power Pool (RMPP) and an associate member of Mid-Continent Area Power Pool (MAPP).

BHP has transmission agreements with the following utilities: Basin Electric Power Cooperative, PacifiCorp (PAC), Western Area Power Administration – Rocky Mountain Region (WAPA-RMR), Powder River Energy Corporation (PRECorp), Butte Electric Cooperative and Black Hills Electric Cooperative.

§20:10:21:12 Efforts to Minimize Adverse Effects.

Environmental

Black Hills Power is committed to providing safe, reliable and affordable energy in a manner that insures the highest priority for protection of the environment as well as the health and welfare of our customers, general public and our employees. Our outstanding environmental compliance enhances customer and shareholder value and provides protection of our natural environment for present and future generations to enjoy. Energy development in the West requires a strong commitment to the protection of our natural resources. We have and will continue to work closely with state and federal agencies to insure our projects have minimal impact on these resources.

BHP's environmental practice is implemented through the principles of our environmental management system:

- All management and employees are committed to continuous environmental compliance by providing the resources required to meet this goal. Every employee has the responsibility of complying with this practice.
- Operations are conducted in a manner that insures meeting or surpassing applicable environmental rules and regulations. Operations are monitored to strive to cost-effectively meet requirements and minimize corporate risk and liability.
- Training is provided to all employees to insure knowledge of environmental compliance requirements related to their job duties.
- The Board of Directors is updated regularly regarding the status of our environmental and safety compliance programs.
- We participate in the development of new technologies in a manner that provides for customer and shareholder value.
- We actively participate with policy makers to ensure the best scientific information is being considered and to ensure customer and shareholder values are represented.

Social

All Black Hills Power employees are encouraged to provide leadership to local civic and charitable organizations. The Company has an active program to encourage employees to support the United Way Program financially and with time.

Public Safety

Black Hills Power conducts public safety educational programs throughout the public schools, local civic organizations, local contractors associations and through local media plus safety links on our website. The Company continues to offer power plant tours, as security issues permit, to schools & organizations wanting to learn more about the production of electricity.

§20:10:21:13 Efforts Relating to Load Management.

Black Hills Power load management efforts are achieved through the promotion of energy management rates, energy efficiency rebates and training opportunities.

Residential customers are offered an optional demand service rate in combination with the installation of a demand controller that limits their on-peak energy use. Over 3,500 residential customers take advantage of this rate. Rebates and financing are offered for demand controllers and certain energy efficient equipment. Preventative maintenance checks for heat pumps and air conditioners are offered to insure the equipment is operating at its peak efficiency. Energy audits are available to existing electric customers for advice on energy efficient equipment. A heat loss analysis is available upon request for new customers considering electric heating options. Commercial customers can take advantage of BHP's Energy Storage rate for heat storage, ice storage, battery charging, water heating and geothermal heat pump systems. Rebates are offered for energy efficient heat pumps – primarily geothermal installations in the commercial sector. Larger commercial and industrial customers can shift load to off-peak periods to improve their load factor. C&I customers are offered assistance with load monitoring, power factor analysis, energy use calculations and rate analysis.

Black Hills Power also promotes its programs through trade shows, home shows, and newsletters. Specific training is offered to employees, trade allies and Key Customers for residential heat pump installations, duct work sizing, demand controller installations, energy efficient construction standards and energy efficient equipment.

§20:10:21:14 List of Reports.

As stated in Section §20:10:21:05, Black Hills Power has no proposed energy facilities planned. There are no other reports or studies filed or proposed to be filed with federal or other state agencies relating to the proposed facilities proposed facilities mentioned in Section §20:10:21:07.

§20:10:21:15 Changes In Status of Facilities.

Black Hills Power had no planned facilities change during 2008 and 2009. In recent years,

§20:10:21:16 and §20:10:21:17 Projected Electric Demand & Change in Electric Energy.

Black Hills Power's projected electric demand and change in electric energy are shown below on Tables 1, 2 and 3. These tables show projected data for the years 2008-2017. The forecasted values were developed by Black Hills Power personnel.

Table 1
BHP Peak Demand and Energy Forecast 2008-2017

Year	Peak Demand (MW)	Annual Energy (MWh)
2008	342	1,745,692
2009	348	1,772,494
2010	353	1,799,841
2011	359	1,827,968
2012	364	1,856,885
2013	370	1,886,262
2014	376	1,916,109
2015	381	1,946,384
2016	387	1,977,139
2017	393	2,008,379

Sheridan

The Sheridan load began on January 1, 1997 and was acquired by the bidding process. A new contract was signed in late 2004. Montana-Dakota Utilities (MDU) provided this forecast of the peak demand and energy usage for the City of Sheridan, Wyoming for this filing information.

Table 2
Sheridan Peak Demand and Energy Forecast 2008-2017

Year	Annual Energy (MWh)	Peak Demand (MW)
2008	286,924	58
2009	292,328	59
2010	297,514	60
2011	302,523	61
2012	307,269	61
2013	312,087	62
2014	316,974	64
2015	321,980	65
2016	327,066	66
2017	332,231	67

Gillette

BHP delivered 23 MW in most hours of some months during 2004 with energy usage continuing to grow such that by 2011, 23 MW will be consumed by the City of Gillette in every hour of the year. The City of Gillette load assumes that BHP continues to provide service throughout the period 2008-2017.

Table 3
Gillette Energy Usage 2005-2016

Year	Energy Usage (MWh)	Peak Demand (MWh)
2008	200,580	23
2009	200,860	23
2010	201,410	23
2011	201,480	23
2012	202,030 (leap year)	23
2013	201,480	23
2014	201,480	23
2015	201,480	23
2016	202,030 (leap year)	23
2017	201,480	23

§20:10:21:18 Map of Service Area.

The map for Black Hills Powers service area is included as Exhibit 1.

§20:10:21:19 Individual Utility Plans.

Black Hills Power submits its own plan, of which is contained herein.

§20:10:21:20 Biennial Filing.

Black Hills Power submits its' 10-year plan to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission on this 30th day of June, 2008. This 10-year plan shall apply beginning with the 2008-2017 years.

§20:10:21:21 Subsequent plans.

Subsequent biennial plans for Black Hills Power will be submitted to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission as stated when we have additions, deletions, or modifications. These plans shall be clearly cross-referenced to prior reports.

§20:10:21:22 Places of Filing.

Ten (10) copies of Black Hills Power's 10-year plan shall be filed and are included herewith. Upon the PUC's request, Black Hills Power shall file within fifteen (15) days with each county auditor that the PUC designates.

§20:10:21:23 Notice of filing.

Black Hills Power shall comply with the PUC's determination of the notice of filing by public notice to the following state agencies (see below) and officers and, within ten (10) days of designation, to any other governmental agencies or bodies designated by the commission order.

- (1) Aeronautics Commission
- (3) Attorney General
- (5) Governor's Office of Economic Development
- (7) State Engineer
- (9) State Geologist
- (11) Department of Health
- (13) Department of Labor
- (15) Department of Environment & Natural Resources
- (17) Department of Transportation

- (2) Department of Agriculture
- (4) Department of Commerce & Regulation
- (6) Department of Education & Cultural Affairs
- (8) Department of Game, Fish & Parks
- (10) Governor
- (12) Indian Affairs Commission
- (14) Legislative Research Council
- (16) Department of School & Public Lands

§20:10:21:24 Copy on request.

Black Hills Power shall provide a copy of this plan, upon written request and without cost, to any agency or officer named in §20:10:21:23 or designated by the commission under the provisions of any section.

§20:10:21:25 Form for plans.

Black Hills Power's plan is submitted under this chapter in numeric sequence as requested. Our service area map is condensed to 8 ½ by 11inches and is clearly marked for the commissions use.

EXHIBIT I

BLACK HILLS POWER

SERVICE AREA

