

1 TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED PROCEEDINGS, held in the
2 above-entitled matter, at the South Dakota State Capitol
3 Building, 500 East Capitol Avenue, Pierre, South Dakota,
4 on the 15th day of April, 2014.
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1 CHAIRMAN HANSON: EL14-026, In the Matter of the
2 Application of Black Hills Power, Incorporated for
3 Authority to Increase its Electric Rates.

4 The questions before the Commission today, Shall
5 the commission assess a filing fee for actual expenses
6 not to exceed \$250,000? And shall the Commission give
7 the executive director authority to enter into necessary
8 consulting contracts.

9 I believe Ms. Cremer is up first.

10 MS. CREMER: Thank you. This is Karen Cremer of
11 Staff. And these are typical questions that are posed by
12 the Staff after a rate case filing. And so Staff would
13 request that the Commission assess a filing fee for
14 actual expenses up to the statutory limit of 250,000 and
15 then also provide the executive director with authority
16 to enter into contracts for consulting services.

17 CHAIRMAN HANSON: Thank you.

18 Black Hills Power, any comments?

19 MS. KOENIG: This is Amy Koenig. Black Hills
20 Power has no objection.

21 CHAIRMAN HANSON: Thank you.

22 And Black Hills Intervenors.

23 MR. MORATZKA: Thank you, Commissioner. No
24 comment. Thank you.

25 CHAIRMAN HANSON: Thank you.

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Any questions from the Commissioners?

Is there a motion?

COMMISSIONER NELSON: I'll move in EL14-026 that the Commission assess a filing fee for actual expenses not to exceed \$250,000 and give our executive director authority to enter into the necessary consulting contracts.

CHAIRMAN HANSON: Thank you.

Discussion on the motion.

Commissioner Nelson.

COMMISSIONER NELSON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN HANSON: Commissioner Fiegen.

COMMISSIONER FIEGEN: Fiegen votes aye.

CHAIRMAN HANSON: Hanson votes aye.

The motion carries.

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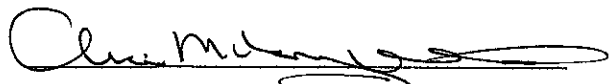
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