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Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
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RE: HP14-001

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen,

At the Motion Hearing on April 27, 2015, Staff was directed to propose dates to the Commission to consider for the procedural schedule going forward in the above-captioned docket. Out of deference to the Commissioner and parties involved in both dockets, this proposal seeks to avoid filing dates cumulative to HP14-002. For all deadlines proposed by Staff, a 5:00 p.m. CDT deadline for filing is included.

Staff believes it will be necessary to have more than one business week for this hearing. Therefore, Staff favors Option 4.

Staff proposes the following alternative schedules to reschedule deadlines which have not already passed in HP14-001:

Options for a hearing lasting four or five days:

- Option 1, an evidentiary hearing the week of July 27, 2015
 - Any new motions to be filed no later than May 8, 2015, with written responses due May 19, 2015.
 - Any outstanding motions to be heard at the regularly scheduled commission meeting on May 26, 2015.
 - Rebuttal testimony to be filed no later than June 9, 2015.
 - Witness lists and exhibit lists to be filed by June 12, 2015.
- Option 2, an evidentiary hearing the week of August 3, 2015
 - Any new motions to be filed no later than May 8, 2015, with written responses due May 19, 2015.
 - Any outstanding motions to be heard at the regularly scheduled commission meeting on May 26, 2015.
 - Rebuttal testimony to be filed no later than June 18, 2015.
 - Witness lists and exhibit lists to be filed by June 23, 2015.

Option for a hearing lasting seven days

- Option 4, July 28-30; August 3-6 (excluding July 31)
 - Any new motions to be filed no later than May 8, 2015, with written responses due May 19, 2015.

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- Any outstanding motions to be heard at the regularly scheduled commission meeting on May 26, 2015.
- Rebuttal testimony to be filed no later than June 9, 2015.
- Witness lists and exhibit lists to be filed by June 12, 2015.
- Evidentiary hearing
 - First week (3 days): Marking of exhibits, preliminary matters, opening statements, Keystone's case in chief.
 - Second week (4 days)
 - Staff and intervenors present their case, rebuttal by Keystone, other items at the discretion of the Commission

Sincerely,

Kristen Edwards
Staff Attorney