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August 25, 2006

Ms. Patty Van Gerpen
Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power,
Inc. for an Increase in Electric Rates
Docket No: EL06-019

Dear Patty:

Herewith hand delivered to you please find original and ten (10) copies of Petition of City of Gillette to Intervene, along with attached Certificate of Service. Please file same in your office.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

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Enclosures

cc: Mike Muirhead

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	Docket Number EL06-019
APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS)	
POWER, INC. FOR AN INCREASE)	PETITION OF CITY OF GILLETTE TO
IN ELECTRIC RATES)	INTERVENE

City of Gillette, Wyoming ("Gillette") by its undersigned counsel, hereby petitions for leave to intervene in the above entitled docket, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:15:02, as follows:

1. Gillette is a municipality located in Gillette, Wyoming. Gillette is a wholesale power customer of Black Hills Power, Inc. ("BHP"). Gillette purchases power from BHP on a wholesale basis and then resells said at retail to everyone within the city limits of Gillette, as well as to other specified retail customers.

2. BHP, a wholly owned subsidiary of Black Hills Corporation, has filed an Application with this Commission (EL06-019) seeking an increase in rates for electric service.

3. BHP is a vertically independent electric utility providing retail electric service to about 2,600 customers in Wyoming and Montana combined with approximately 61,000 customers in South Dakota.

4. While the current application for rate increases appears to be for retail South Dakota customers, any increase approved by this Commission will have an affect on all of BHP's rates, including wholesale and retail rates in Wyoming and Montana. It has been Gillette's past experience that BHP does not isolate rate revisions to one state,

or to one type of rate. Accordingly, whatever actions BHP takes with regard to its retail rates affects its wholesale rates.

5. Further based upon Gillette's past experiences with BHP, BHP's application in South Dakota may well be the first of several incremental steps of rate increases, so the states of Wyoming (and specifically the City of Gillette) and Montana will be directly affected by the outcome of this docket.

6. The issues presented in this docket and Gillette's proposed intervention constitutes a matter of public interest. Thus, denial of this Petition would be detrimental to the public interest and is likely to result in a miscarriage of justice.

WHEREFORE, Gillette prays that the Commission permit its intervention and participation in this proceeding to examine and cross-examine witnesses, conduct discovery and offer evidence on its own behalf.

Dated this 25th day of August, 2006.

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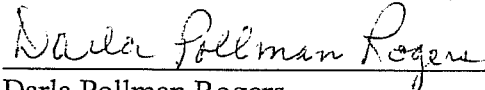
I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of PETITION OF CITY OF GILLETTE TO INTERVENE was served via the method(s) indicated below, on the 25th day of August, 2006, addressed to:

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