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**VIA EMAIL AND U.S. MAIL**

South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1st Floor  
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Pierre, SD 57501-5070

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

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed for filing please find an original and ten copies of the Petition to Intervene and Notice of Appearance of Rushmore Forest Products. Rushmore will join Merillat Industries, LLC, GCC Dacotah, Inc., and Pope & Talbot, Inc., collectively referred to as the Black Hills Intervenors ("BHI"), a group that was granted party status on August 24, 2006. Also enclosed is an affidavit of service copying all parties on the official service list.

Very truly yours,

MACKALL, CROUNSE & MOORE, PLC

  
Andrew P. Moratzka

Enclosures  
cc (via email): Attached Service List  
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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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In the Matter of the Application of Black  
Hills Power, Inc., for Authority to  
Increase Its Electric Rates

Docket No. EL06-019

**PETITION TO INTERVENE  
AND NOTICE OF APPEARANCE  
OF RUSHMORE FOREST  
PRODUCTS**

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Rushmore Forest Products (“Rushmore”) hereby petitions for leave to intervene as a party in the above entitled matter. It will join Merillat Industries, LLC, Pope & Talbot, Inc., and GCC Dacotah, Inc. (collectively “Black Hills Intervenors” or “BHI”), a group that was granted party status on August 24, 2006.

Rushmore is a sawmill located in Hill City, South Dakota. Its product list includes lumber, wood shavings, and paper. The annual lumber production exceeds 70 million board feet. Production on such a large scale is the reason Rushmore is the largest employer in Hill City.

Rushmore seeks to intervene in this matter because the proposed rate increase of Black Hills Power, Inc. (“BHP”), will greatly increase its cost of doing business. Rushmore believes its interests in this proceeding are unique and may well not be adequately addressed by other intervenors. Rushmore’s participation in this matter as a member of BHI’s group will not disadvantage or burden any other party. Therefore, Rushmore asks that its petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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