

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

In the Matter of the Application of
Black Hills Power, Inc., for Authority to
Increase Its Electric Rates

Docket No. EL09-018

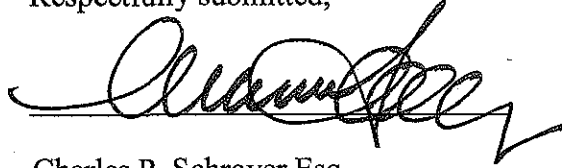
**PETITION TO INTERVENE
AND NOTICE OF APPEARANCE
OF RAPID CITY REGIONAL
HOSPITAL, INC.**

Rapid City Regional Hospital, Inc. ("Regional Hospital") hereby petitions to intervene as a party in the above entitled matter. It will join Dakota Panel, GCC Dacotah, Inc., Rushmore Forest Products, Inc., Sanford Underground Laboratory and Spearfish Forest Products, Inc. (collectively "Black Hills Intervenors" or "BHI"), a group that petitioned to intervene on November 5, 2009.

Regional Hospital is a not-for-profit, integrated, community-based health care system with more than 40 facilities serving South Dakota, Wyoming and Nebraska. These facilities include hospitals, specialty care centers, clinics, and senior care assistance operations. It is the region's leading medical center, providing health care services to the 360,000 people who live in the Black Hills of South Dakota and the surrounding region, as well as thousands of visitors each year.

Regional Hospital 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. Regional Hospital believes its interests in this proceeding are unique and may well not be adequately addressed by other intervenors. Regional Hospital's participation in this matter as a member of BHI's group will not disadvantage or burden any other party. Therefore, Regional Hospital asks that its petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



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