



PUC Public Comment Meeting

Black Hills Power Rate Case

EL09-018

11/24/09

Journey Museum in Rapid City

Agenda

1. Players and Process (PUC)
2. Overview of Rate Filing (BHP)
3. Questions and Comment (Public)

Players

1. Commissioners (judges)
2. Parties (offering evidence, witnesses, etc.)
 - Black Hills Power
 - PUC Staff
 - Interveners
3. Citizens (making comment)

Process

1. Filing by BHP

- Based on actual costs for a historic test year with “known and measurable” adjustments
- Burden is on BHP

Process

2. Review by PUC staff, others

- Experts hired by PUC, discovery, data requests
- Parties will develop their opinions on “just and reasonable” expenses, rate of return, and rate design

Process

- ## 3. Commission Hearing (February 2010)
- Formal hearing with testimony, cross-examination, and evidence, followed by legal briefing
 - Commission decisions on expenses, rate of return, revenue requirement, rate design
 - What is allowable?

Commission Values

The “Public Interest”

1. Open
2. Fair
3. Fact- and law-based
4. Diligent

EL09-014 - In the Matter of the Filing by **Otter Tail Power Company** for Approval of its Updated Customer Rate Schedule Brochures.

Date Filed: 07/24/09 ■ Closed: 08/19/09 ■

EL09-015 - In the Matter of the Application by **Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Inc.** for an Energy Conversion Facility Siting Permit for the Deer Creek Station Project Combined-Cycle Natural Gas Energy Conversion Facility and Associated Infrastructure, Including a Water Supply System and Electric Transmission System.

Date Filed: 07/28/09 ■ Pending: ■

EL09-016 – In the Matter of the Filing by **Otter Tail Power Company** for Approval to Levelize the Fuel Adjustment Clause Rider Rate for September 2009 through December 2009.

Date Filed: 08/27/09 ■ Closed: 09/15/09 ■

EL09-017 – In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between **Nebraska Public Power District** and **Northwest Rural Public Power District**.

Date Filed: 09/29/09 ■ Pending: ■

EL09-018 – In the Matter of the Application of **Black Hills Power, Inc.** for Authority to Increase its Electric Rates.

Date Filed: 09/30/09 ■ Pending: ■

EL09-019 – In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between **Central Electric Cooperative, Inc.** and **Southeastern Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Date Filed: 10/02/09 ■ Pending: ■

EL09-020 - In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Rights Exception between **Otter Tail Power Company** and **Whetstone Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.**

Date Filed: 10/16/09 ■ Closed: 11/03/09 ■

EL09-021 – In the Matter of the Joint Request for an Electric Service Territory Boundary

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1. Open
2. Fair
3. Fact- and law-based
4. Diligent

Overview of Rate Filing

Black Hills Power



Public Comment

- Speak into microphone
- Say your name (spell last name)
- Speak clearly and slowly
- Be respectful of others' time