STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc., a South Dakota corporation, for Authority to Increase Rates

Docket No: EL09-018

CERTIFICATION REGARDING IN-SERVICE DATE OF WYGEN III

Linden R. Evans, the President and Chief Operating Officer for Utilities, Black Hills Corporation, does here by certify on behalf of Black Hills Power, Inc. as follows:

- 1. Construction of the Wygen III power plant is complete.
- 2. Wygen III is in-service and is placed in commercial operation on the 1st day of April, 2010.

Dated this /st day of April , 2010.

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

S President & C.O.O.

EXHIBIT

Segregary

BAP 5.3

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF <u>Pennington</u> : SS
On this 1st day of April, 2010, before me, the
undersigned officer, Linden R. Evans personally appeared who acknowledged himself to be
the President and Chief Operating Officer for Utilities, Black Hills Corporation, a South
Dakota Corporation, and that as such officer being authorized so to do, executed the
foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, on behalf of Black Hills Power,
Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.

Notary Public - South Dakota
My Commission Expires: 6-27-2012