

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.
SD PUC DOCKET: EL-09-018

REQUEST DATE : December 18, 2009
RESPONSE DATE : January 8, 2010
REQUESTING PARTY: South Dakota Peace and Justice Intervenors

SDPJI Request No. 2-39: Provide copies of the studies or analyses of the potential for combined heat and power in the state of South Dakota or the Black Hills Power service territory that have been prepared by or for BHP since January 1, 2006.

Response to SDPJI Request No. 2-39: Black Hills Power objects to this Request on the basis that the "potential for combined heat and power" is vague, ambiguous and overbroad.

To the extent "combined heat and power" refers to cogeneration, or the simultaneous production of electricity and heat from a single fuel source, no studies or analysis have been prepared by or for BHP since January 1, 2006. Given the nature of BHP's service territory, including the lack of large industrial load, cogenenerating facilities are generally not an economically attractive alternative for our customers.

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EXHIBIT
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