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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: EL11-001 - In the Matter of the Petition of Black Hills Power, Inc. to Establish an Environmental Measures Cost Recovery Tariff

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On May 11, 2012, Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) and the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff (Commission Staff) filed an Amendment to Settlement Stipulation dated May 10, 2012. This amendment was entered into by the parties to remedy discrepancies discovered in the original Settlement Stipulation approved by the Commission in the above-captioned matter. Specifically, the Commission was asked to approve an amended reporting deadline for BHP's submission of the *Annual Report of South Dakota Jurisdictional Financial Condition*. The amendment would have changed the reporting deadline from June 1st of each year, as stated in the Settlement Stipulation, to May 1st of each year.

This issue was brought before the Commission at its meeting held on May 22, 2012. During the discussion of this matter, the Commission expressed its preference that the reporting deadline fall on April 15th of each year, instead of the proposed May 1st. All parties agreed and Commission Staff offered to draft an updated amendment to reflect this alternative submission deadline.

Please find the attached Amendment to Settlement Stipulation II, which incorporates the order of the Commission. This agreement is to serve as a substitute, in full, of the proposed Amendment to Settlement Stipulation filed with the Commission on May 11, 2012.

Sincerely,

Ryan Soye