

**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. EL 12-061

**PETITION TO INTERVENE
of Regency Midwest Ventures
Limited Partnership and
Deadwood Resort, L.L.C.**

Regency Midwest Ventures Limited Partnership and Deadwood Resort, L.L.C. hereby petition for leave to intervene as parties in the above entitled matter with Steve Wegman acting as lead analyst for the Entities.

Regency Midwest Ventures Limited Partnership is a South Dakota limited partnership that owns four Ramkota Hotels in South Dakota, including the Best Western Ramkota Hotel and Conference Center in Rapid City, and the ClubHouse Hotel and Suites in Pierre. This partnership also owns hotels and resorts in eight additional states throughout the Midwest.

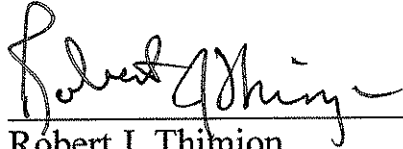
Deadwood Resort, L.L.C. is a South Dakota limited liability company that owns The Lodge at Deadwood in Deadwood, South Dakota.

Each of these entity interveners is a major user of power produced and sold to them at retail by Black Hills Power, Inc. ("BHP"). The Entities seek to intervene in this matter because the proposed phased-in rate increase of Black Hills Power, Inc. ("BHP") will greatly increase the cost of doing business for each of these Entities at a time when they are under economic stress. Since the Entities' participation in this matter will not disadvantage or burden any other party, the Entities ask that their petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

**Regency Midwest Ventures
Limited Partnership**

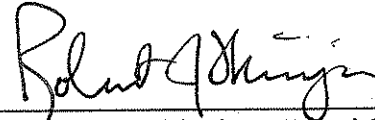
By Regency MWG, LLC
Its General Partner



Robert J. Thimjon
Treasurer of General Partner

Respectfully submitted,

Deadwood Resort, L.L.C.



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