

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE) APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS) POWER, INC., FOR THE PHASE IN OF) RATES REGARDING CONSTRUCTION) FINANCING COSTS OF CHEYENNE) PRAIRIE GENERATING STATION)	Docket No. EL12-062 JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION
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COME NOW, Black Hills Power, Inc. (“BHP”), and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission Staff”), jointly referred to as “Parties,” and request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation (“Settlement Stipulation”) as the settlement and resolution of all of the issues in this proceeding.

In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation represents a negotiated settlement of all of the issues in Docket No. EL12-062.

The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just, and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law. The Parties respectfully request that the Commission approve the Settlement Stipulation.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly request the Commission to: 1) adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for

the purposes of resolving all issues in this proceeding, and 2) enter an Order finding that the terms and conditions in the attached Settlement Stipulation results are just and reasonable, and meet the requirements of SDCL 49-34A-74.

Dated this 6th day of September, 2013.

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC
UTILITIES COMMISSION STAFF

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