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Ms. Patricia VanGerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: Changes to Black Hills Power Inc.'s South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Dear Ms. VanGerpen:

With this letter, Black Hills Power, Inc. ("Black Hills") hereby files with the Commission revisions to certain sample forms and tariff sheets filed in Section 6 of its South Dakota Electric Rate Book. In addition, Black Hills requests to reserve for future use Cost Adjustment tariff sheets in Section 3C that are no longer effective.

Sample Form Revisions

Sample Forms filed under Section 6 of the Black Hills Power South Dakota Electric Rate Book, as required by Section 20:10:13:12 of the South Dakota Administrative Rules have been updated to reflect bill format changes.

Pursuant to Section 20:10:13:39 of the South Dakota Administrative Rules, Black Hills submits the following information with this filing:

- (1) The documents submitted include:
  - a. Exhibit 1 – Revised Sample Forms and Tariff Sheets as follows:

Sample Form	Revised Tariff
Electric Bill Form – Residential (Front)	Section 6, Eighth Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancels Seventh Revised Sheet No. 2
Electric Bill Form – Residential (Back)	Section 6, Seventh Revised Sheet No. 3 Cancels Sixth Revised Sheet No. 3
Electric Bill Form – General Service (Front)	Section 6, Seventh Revised Sheet No. 4 Cancels Sixth Revised Sheet No. 4
Electric Bill Form – General Service (Back)	Section 6, Sixth Revised Sheet No. 5 Cancels Fifth Revised Sheet No. 5

- b. Exhibit 2 – Customer communication titled “Understanding Your Bill” that explains the new bill format.
- (2) The effective date for the proposed tariff revisions is July 1, 2012.
- (3) A brief description of the bill format changes is provided as follows:
- Black Hills’ bill format has been revised to rearrange the location of certain billing information, including the details of current charges and the energy usage chart that shows current and historical usage. This includes the placement of information on both the back and front of the bill. The new bill format also includes an easier to find bill total and bill due date summary. The new bill format does not change any substantive billing information. The new bill format complies with the content required by 20:10:17:03 of the South Dakota Administrative Rules.
  - “Understanding Your Bill” is a customer guide to understanding the bill. It includes the format changes and is available on Black Hills’ website, [www.blackhillspower.com](http://www.blackhillspower.com) . A summary of this guide was included in an insert to customer’s May 2012 bills. This guide will not be included with Black Hills’ Sample Forms Tariffs.
- (4) The reasons for the proposed changes include:
- The new bill format was developed primarily to provide easier-to-read billing data and summaries for customers. The changes will also make it easier for Black Hills to apply future changes and enhancements to the bill.
- (5) The estimated number of customers whose cost of service will be affected and annual amounts in cost of service to such customers:
- There will be no changes in the cost of service for any Black Hills customers relating to the bill format change.

#### Cost Adjustment Tariffs Revisions

This letter also includes updates to Cost Adjustments Tariffs in Section 3C of the Black Hills Power South Dakota Electric Rate Book. Black Hills proposes eliminating and reserving for future use Section 3C Sheet No. 1 through Sheet No. 10 relating to cost adjustment tariffs that are no longer effective for Black Hills’ South Dakota customers. Cost Adjustment Tariffs relevant to existing rates authorized by the commission are filed under Section 3C, Sheet No. 11 through Sheet No. 21. The effective date of this proposed change is July 1, 2012. This does not change the cost of service for any Black Hills customer.

A copy of the revised Table of Contents and Section 3C, Sheet No. 1 through Sheet No. 10 of the Black Hills Power Electric Rate Book is attached as Exhibit 3 as follows:

Section 1 Table of Contents	Twenty-second Revised Sheet No. 3 Cancels Twenty-first Revised Sheet No. 3
Section 3C Conditional Energy Adjustment	Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1 Cancels Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1
Section 3C Conditional Energy Adjustment	Second Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 2
Section 3C Conditional Energy Adjustment	Second Revised Sheet No. 3 Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 3
Section 3C Conditional Energy Adjustment	Second Revised Sheet No. 4 Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 4
Section 3C Transmission Cost Adjustment	Sixth Revised Sheet No. 5 Cancels Fifth Revised Sheet No. 5
Section 3C Transmission Cost Adjustment	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 5A Cancels Fourth Revised Sheet No. 5A
Section 3C Transmission Cost Adjustment	Third Revised Sheet No. 6 Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 6
Section 3C Transmission Cost Adjustment	Third Revised Sheet No. 7 Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 7
Section 3C Steam Plant Fuel Cost Adjustment	Sixth Revised Sheet No. 8 Cancels Fifth Revised Sheet No. 8
Section 3C Steam Plant Fuel Cost Adjustment	Second Revised Sheet No. 9 Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 9
Section 3C Steam Plant Fuel Cost Adjustment	Second Revised Sheet No. 10 Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 10

Black Hills hereby respectfully requests that the Commission approve this application on thirty (30) days' notice.

Sincerely,



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