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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol
Pierre, SD 57501

RE: DOCKET NO. EL14-_____ - Black Hills Power, Inc. 2014 Economic Development Plan

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

In accordance with the PUC Staff Memorandum in Docket EL12-061, Black Hills Power, Inc. ("Black Hills Power") hereby submits its 2014 Economic Development Plan, which includes 2013 actual expenses and 2014 proposed budget.

Black Hills Power is committed to being a partner with the communities in our service territory and their local and regional economic development organizations. This partnership includes financial support along with leadership support from our employees to help promote community growth and economic development opportunities.

Black Hills Power continues to have a leadership role in Black Hills Vision, a regional alliance of private and public sectors working together to bring economic opportunity to the Black Hills area. Black Hills Vision is completing a regional marketing plan along with continuing to promote the Technology Corridor and Ports to Plains Alliance.

In 2014, Black Hills Power will continue to support local community leaders as they promote economic development and growth within their communities. Our ability to provide knowledge to community leaders in order for them to determine goals and priorities to enhance community growth is one of the keys to advancing the region's environment.

Black Hills Power respectfully requests Commission approval of its 2014 Economic Development Plan. Please feel free to contact me if there are any questions related to the proposed 2014 Economic Development Plan.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Kilpatrick', written over a light blue horizontal line.

Chris Kilpatrick
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