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FERC FINANCIAL REPORT
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and Others and Supplemental
Form 3-Q: Quarterly Financial Report

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Exact Legal Name of Respondent (Company) Black Hills Power, Inc.	Year/Period of Report End of <u>2013/Q4</u>
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Name of Respondent	This Report is:	Date of Report	Year/Period of Report
Black Hills Power, Inc.	(1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> An Original (2) <input type="checkbox"/> A Resubmission	(Mo, Da, Yr) / /	2013/Q4
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)			

The effective tax rate differs from the federal statutory rate for the years ended December 31, as follows:

	2013	2012	2011
Federal statutory rate	35.0%	35.0%	35.0%
Amortization of excess deferred and investment tax credits	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.4)
Equity AFUDC	—	(0.1)	(0.6)
Flow through adjustments *	(2.5)	(3.5)	(3.4)
Prior year deferred adjustment **	—	3.6	—
Tax credits	(0.8)	—	—
Other	(0.6)	(0.1)	0.1
	<u>30.8%</u>	<u>34.6%</u>	<u>30.7%</u>

* The flow-through adjustments relate primarily to an accounting method change for tax purposes that allows us to take a current tax deduction for repair costs that continue to be capitalized for book purposes. We recorded a deferred income tax liability in recognition of the temporary difference created between book and tax treatment and we flowed the tax benefit through to our customers in the form of lower rates as a result of a rate case settlement that occurred during 2010. A regulatory asset was established to reflect the recovery of future increases in taxes payable from customers as the temporary differences reverse. As a result of this regulatory treatment, we continue to record a tax benefit consistent with the flow through method.

** The adjustment was a non-recurring unfavorable true-up attributable to property related deferred income taxes. The removal of the impact of such an adjustment is more appropriately reflective of the effective rate on a recurring basis.

The following table reconciles the total amounts of unrecognized tax benefits, without interest, included in Other deferred credits and other liabilities on the accompanying Balance Sheet (in thousands):

	2013	2012
Unrecognized tax benefits at January 1	\$ 2,078	\$ 3,595
Reductions for prior year tax positions	(155)	(1,586)
Additions for current year tax positions	520	69
Unrecognized tax benefits at December 31	<u>\$ 2,443</u>	<u>\$ 2,078</u>

The reductions for prior year tax positions relate to the reversal through otherwise allowed tax depreciation. The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would impact the effective tax rate is approximately \$0.5 million.

It is our continuing practice to recognize interest and/or penalties related to income tax matters in income tax expense. During the years ended December 31, 2013 and 2012, the interest expense recognized was not material to our financial results.

We file income tax returns in the United States federal jurisdictions as a member of the BHC consolidated group. We do not anticipate that total unrecognized tax benefits will significantly change due to settlement of any audits or the expiration of statutes of limitations prior to December 31, 2014.

At December 31, 2013, we have federal NOL carry forward of \$14 million, expiring in 2031. Ultimate usage of this NOL depends upon our ability to generate future taxable income, which is expected to occur within the prescribed carryforward period.