

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE) APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS) POWER, INC. FOR A PERMIT TO) CONSTRUCT A 230 KV) TRANSMISSION LINE FROM) NORTHEASTERN WYOMING TO THE) RAPID CITY AREA IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION EL14-061
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Black Hills Power, Inc., and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby file the above-referenced Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all of the issues between these Parties in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all of the issues between these Parties in EL14-061.
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all of the issues between these Parties in Docket No. EL14-061.
4. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law.

The Parties respectfully request that intervenors Ruby B. Matejcik, Victoria Leonard, GCC Dacotah, Inc., Michael Lewis, Stephen Vadney, Dave Riemenschneider, Barbara Anderson Lewis, Robert Varilek/AW LLC., Barton Banks, and James S. Hodgens be allowed the opportunity to comment on the Settlement Stipulation in accordance with South Dakota law and that the Commission approve the Settlement Stipulation.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission to: 1) grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, 2) adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purposes of resolving all issues between these Parties in this proceeding, and 3) enter an order approving the permit to construct.

**South Dakota Public Utilities
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