

BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS)
POWER, INC. FOR APPROVAL)
TO EXTEND ITS ENERGY) Docket EL14-
EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS PLAN)**

Black Hills Power, Inc. (“Black Hills Power” or “Company”), a South Dakota corporation, respectfully requests approval from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) for a three month extension of Black Hills Power’s current Energy Efficiency Solutions Plan (“EESP”). On July 7, 2011, in Docket EL11-002, Black Hills Power received approval of the EESP and associated Energy Efficiency Solutions Adjustment (“EESA”) Tariff. In Docket EL11-002, the Commission authorized Black Hills Power to begin the EESP pilot program on September 1, 2011, and to continue the program through May 31, 2014. Black Hills Power intends to seek Commission approval for a 2014-2016 EESP. Through the present Application, Black Hills Power is requesting Commission approval to extend the existing programs for three months to provide it adequate time to fully evaluate the existing programs, identify new programs to increase participation, and prepare a complete application to support the 2014-2016 EESP.

The requested extension will result in an adjustment to the EESA Tariff. The following information is provided to satisfy the tariff schedule change notification requirements set forth in South Dakota Administrative Rule 20:10:13:26:

(1) Name and address of the public utility:

Black Hills Power, Inc.
625 Ninth Street
PO Box 1400
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(2) Section and sheet number of tariff schedule:

The EESA tariff sheets are contained in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2, Section 3C, Sheet No. 21. The Company proposes to submit the revised Cost Adjustment Summary tariff sheet, Section No. 3C, Sheet No. 11, as a compliance filing after the Commission issues its decision in this docket.

(3) Description of the change:

Black Hills Power requests Commission approval to extend the current EESP for an additional three months with no change to the EESA rate for the residential, commercial & industrial customer classes.

(4) Reason for the change:

Black Hills Power is pleased with the performance of the EESP. As the Commission is aware, the portfolio achieved energy and demand savings of 3,666,097 kWh and 746 kW from 2011 through 2013. In light of the success of the portfolio, Black Hills Power is requesting Commission approval to allow customers to continue to participate in existing energy efficiency programs while the application for a 2014-2016 EESP is prepared. This additional time will afford Black Hills Power the opportunity fully evaluate the existing programs, identify modifications to existing programs that will increase participation, and develop new programs that should be included in the new EESP. The additional time to prepare the application will afford the Commission an opportunity to more efficiently review and consider the Company's application for a new EESP. Black Hills Power plans to file the application for the new EESP on June 30, 2014. The proposed launch date for the new EESP is September 1, 2014.

(5) Present rate:

- Residential customers - \$0.0004/kWh
- Commercial & Industrial customers - \$0.0002/kWh

(6) Proposed rate:

- Residential customers - \$0.0004/kWh
- Commercial & Industrial customers - \$0.0002/kWh

(7) Proposed effective date of modified rate:

Black Hills Power proposes that the extension be effective June 1, 2014, through August 31, 2014.

Copies of all notices, other correspondence and all inquiries concerning this

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WHEREFORE, Black Hills Power respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving a three month extension of the current EESP.

Dated this 30th day of April, 2014.

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

By: Jon Thurber
Jon Thurber
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

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

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**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
COUNTY OF PENNINGTON) SS:**

I, Jon Thurber, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and say that I am Manager, Regulatory Affairs for Black Hills Power, Inc., Applicant in the foregoing Application; that I have read such Application; and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Jon Thurber
Jon Thurber
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, 2014.



Lynn R. Porter
Notary Public