

BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS)
POWER, INC. FOR APPROVAL) Docket EL15-_____
OF TARIFF REVISIONS)

Black Hills Power, Inc. ("Black Hills Power" or "Company"), a South Dakota corporation, respectfully requests approval from the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") to revise its tariff for a Meter Data and Privacy Policy. The new Meter Data and Privacy Policy was adopted by Black Hills Corporation on June 6, 2014, for each of its affiliates and subsidiaries. Black Hills Power is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Black Hills Corporation. Through the present application, the Company is requesting that the Meter Data and Privacy Policy be inserted in Section 5, Rules and Regulations, effective on July 1, 2015.

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
Rapid City, SD 57709

(2) Section and sheet number of tariff schedule:

The proposed legislative and clean tariff sheets are provided herewith as Exhibit 1 and Exhibit 2, respectively. The tariff sheets are new insertions for the South Dakota Electric Rate Book in Section 5 as Original Sheet Nos. 35, 36, 37; and, a corresponding revision to the Table of Contents in Section 5 as Third Revised Sheet No. 5.

(3) Description of the change:

The proposed tariff sheets provide transparency for retail customers of the Company's policy for data gathered and managed by the Company to provide

service. The data includes metered data, analysis created by the Company of various data types, and general customer contact and service information.

(4) Reason for the change:

Black Hills Power began billing retail electric customers from its Meter Data Management System ("MDMS") on April 30, 2014. The MDMS stores all data from retail customers' meters. The data includes energy usages from Advanced Metering Infrastructure ("AMI") meters. AMI meters are installed at all residential and non-residential customer premises. The Company adopted a Meter Data and Privacy Policy to govern this data on June 6, 2014.

The Meter Data and Privacy Policy incorporates five key principles. These principles are summarized at a high level, as follows:

(I) Data collection. The data collected and stored is in the ordinary course of business for the Company. This means data necessary for billing its retail electric customers from actively maintained AMI/MDMS records.

(II) Data protection and security. The data collected and stored is confidential. Customers may authorize the Company to release data to its designated Third Party. The customer authorization shall be in written form. The Company may release data, without customer consent, when required by law enforcement or social service agencies, subpoenas, or regulatory agency orders, rules, or regulations.

(III) Data access and sharing. The data collected and stored will be shared with the customer of record, upon request. The data will be shared with the customer's designated Third Party designee upon written authorization to the Company. The data will be shared with the Company's affiliates, contractors, or agents subject to applicable federal and state law. Additionally, the data may be aggregated for multiple customers, without customer identities shown, and shared with a Third Party, for fee. The Company will prepare the file with a minimum level of aggregation to ensure customer anonymity and to prevent customer re-identification by the file recipient.

(IV) Data retention. The data collected and stored is maintained by the Company for a reasonable period of time. The Company will maintain records related of data disclosures to Third Parties for a reasonable period of time.

(V) Data breach notification. The Company will use reasonable efforts and commercially practicable methods to notify affected customers of a breach. The Company will restore the integrity of the system and data to the extent, and as soon as, reasonably practicable.

(5) Present rate:

Not applicable.

(6) Proposed rate:

Not applicable.

(7) Proposed effective date of modified rate:

Black Hills Power proposes that tariff revision be effective July 1, 2015.

(8) Points affected:

Approximately 66,000 South Dakota retail customers.

Copies of all notices, other correspondence and all inquiries concerning this Application should be sent to:

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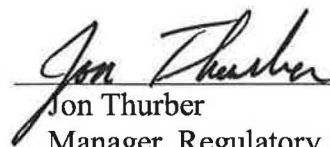
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WHEREFORE, Black Hills Power respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order approving a tariff revision for a Meter Data and Privacy Policy.

Dated this 15th day of April, 2015.

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

By:


Jon Thurber
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

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

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COUNTY OF PENNINGTON) SS:**

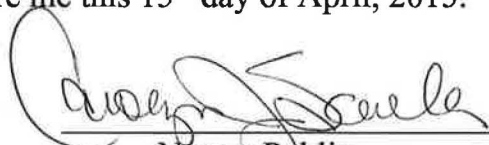
I, Jon Thurber, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and say that I am Manager, Regulatory Affairs for Black Hills Power, Inc., Applicant in the foregoing Application; that I have read such Application; and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information,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



Jon Thurber
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 2015.





Notary Public

Commission Expires: 1-10-2021