

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.
SD PUC DOCKET: EL16-007
Economic Development Plan

REQUEST DATE : March 10, 2016

RESPONSE DATE : March 24, 2016

REQUESTING PARTY: SDPUC Staff

SDPUC Request No. 1.7:

Provide confirmation that the economic development membership fees will not be applied to lobbying expenses for any of the organizations identified in the 2016 budget.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.7:

Black Hills Energy has confirmed with each Economic Development organization, which the Company is seeking 2016 membership in, that no dollars from membership dues are used for lobbying expenses:

- Black Hills Vision
- Black Hills Community Economic Development Corp.
- Custer Economic Development Corp.
- Lead/Deadwood Economic Development Corp.
- Heart of the Black Hills Economic Development Corp.
- Greater Rapid City Area Economic Development Corp.
- Southern Hills Economic Development Corp.
- South Dakota Chamber Economic Development Council
- Spearfish Economic Development Corp.
- Sturgis Economic Development Corp.
- Black Hills Badlands and Lakes Association
- Black Hills Business Council
- Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp.