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The Honorable Kimberly D. Rose
Secretary
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street, N.E.
Washington, D.C. 20426

Re: Black Hills Power, Inc.
Docket No. ER17-____-000
Rate Modification in Joint Tariff

Dear Secretary Bose:

Powder River Energy Corporation (“PRECorp”) hereby tenders for filing a revised tariff sheet (Attachment H) to modify its component of the revenue requirement recovered under the joint open-access transmission tariff of Black Hills Power, Inc. (“Black Hills”), Basin Electric Power Cooperative (“Basin”), and PRECorp (collectively, the “Common Use Utilities”), designated as Black Hills Power, Inc. FERC Electric Tariff, Substitute Revised Volume No. 4 (“Joint Tariff”).¹ The modification to the rates is a result of two major transmission upgrades by PRECorp. The first involves the construction of the Bill Durfee Substation, which was built at a cost of \$3,742,973 to address increased load and resulting reliability concerns. The second involves the construction of the Teckla Substation Terminal, which was built at a cost of \$1,124,308 to support a new west-to-east 230kV Black Hills interstate transmission line. As explained in the testimony of PRECorp’s Chief Executive Officer, Michael Easley, these two projects, which are now in service, were designed and constructed to enhance service under the

¹ Black Hills is the tariff administrator of the Joint Tariff. Consequently, any required e-tariff filings will be submitted by Black Hills.

Joint Tariff. PRECorp requests that the Commission accept the revised tariff sheets for filing and make them effective on sixty (60) days notice, January 30, 2017, without suspension. This effective date is to ensure that PRECorp can, as soon as possible, recover the cost of the newly installed facilities which are responsible for the requested rate increase and which have already gone into service.

I. BACKGROUND

PRECorp is a consumer-owned rural regional electric cooperative headquartered in Sundance, Wyoming. PRECorp serves 12,236 residential and industrial members through 11,300 miles of power lines. In addition, PRECorp owns and operates 65 miles of interstate transmission lines, all of which are committed to service under the Joint Tariff. While Black Hills is a public utility as defined in the Federal Power Act, PRECorp is a member cooperative of Basin and is a rural electric cooperative that is not subject to FERC jurisdiction by operation of Section 201(f) of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. 824(f).²

With their filing for the Joint Tariff in September 2003,³ PRECorp, Black Hills and Basin combined their respective interstate transmission systems located in the Western Interconnection into a single system, the "Common Use System," to provide open access transmission service under the Joint Tariff. PRECorp, Black Hills and Basin taken together own 230-kV and 69-kV transmission facilities in South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana and Nebraska, some of which are jointly owned. The Commission accepted and suspended the Joint Tariff and established hearing

² PRECorp is a Rural Utility Service ("RUS") borrower.

³ Docket No. ER03-1354-000.

and settlement judge procedures.⁴ By Order dated August 6, 2004, the Commission approved an uncontested settlement that resolved all pending issues regarding the Joint Tariff.⁵ The following year, the Commission approved a Revised Attachment H filed by the Common Use Utilities that corrected an error that had been detected in the earlier filed attachment.⁶ The approved revised Attachment H (Substitute First Revised Sheet No. 139) provided for an annual transmission revenue requirement for PRECorp of \$1,297,602. That amount has remained unchanged until now. The present filing, if accepted by the Commission, will increase PRECorp's annual revenue requirement by approximately \$826,000, to \$2,123,466.

The annual revenue requirement for service under the Joint Tariff is equal to the sum of the revenue requirements of each of the three Common Use Utilities—PRECorp, Basin and Black Hills. Attachment H provides that each of the Common Use Utilities may unilaterally propose to modify its respective cost of service pursuant to a filing with the Commission. The rates for network transmission service are derived by dividing the monthly revenue requirement by the network customers' monthly load ratio share. The rates for point-to-point service are updated each April 1 by dividing the annual revenue requirement as shown on Attachment H, net of revenue credits for short-term firm and non-firm point-to-point transmission service, by the sum of the monthly network loads and firm point-to-point transmission reservations at the times of the monthly peaks for the previous calendar year.

⁴ Order Accepting and Suspending Proposed Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff, as Modified, and Establishing Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures, 106 FERC ¶ 61,119 (Feb. 12, 2004).

⁵ Order Approving Uncontested Settlement, 108 FERC ¶ 61,165 (Aug. 6, 2004).

⁶ Order Accepting Revised Attachment H, 112 FERC ¶ 61,318 (Sept. 20, 2005).

II. THE INSTANT RATE FILING

PRECorp's current revenue requirement under Attachment H has remained the same since 2005. The recent completion of the Bill Durfee Substation and the Teckla Substation Terminal, however, has rendered the historic revenue requirement insufficient to recover the costs of PRECorp's current interstate transmission infrastructure.

This filing includes the testimony of Mr. Alan C. Heintz, Vice President with Brown, Williams, Moorhead & Quinn, Inc. of Washington, D.C. Mr. Heintz testifies that PRECorp's revenue requirement for its facilities included in the Common Use System will increase by approximately \$826,000, from \$1,297,602 to \$2,123,466.⁷ Mr. Heintz developed the revenue requirement using 2015 actual costs, with the known and measurable costs associated with the new transmission additions.

Mr. Heintz does not separately justify a return on equity. Rather, he calculated the revenue requirement using as a proxy the same 10.8% return on equity currently in effect for both Black Hills and Basin under the Joint Tariff.⁸ The 10.8% rate represents a slight reduction from the rate of 10.85% which PRECorp has used since 2004 when the Commission first accepted the initial Common Use Tariff.⁹

⁷ See generally Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Alan C. Heintz, Exhibit Nos. PRE-2 through PRE-4 (Attachment D hereto). Exhibit No. PRE-4 at 2 (identifying necessary revenue increase of \$825,963.03)

⁸ See Order Accepting Proposed Tariff Sheets, As Amended, 126 FERC ¶ 61,104 (Feb. 10, 2009) (including a 10.8% return on equity); Order Approving Uncontested Settlement, 128 FERC ¶ 61,274 (Sept. 24, 2009) (including a 10.8% return on equity).

⁹ Order Accepting and Suspending Proposed Refund Plan, Instituting Investigation, Establishing Refund Effective Date and Hearing and Settlement Judge Procedures, and Consolidating Dockets, 112 FERC ¶ 61,165 (Aug. 6, 2004)

The use of a 10.8% return on equity is just and reasonable. Because PRECorp is an RUS borrower, it does not have bond ratings and does not enter the market for debt,¹⁰ factors which the Commission has recognized make it virtually impossible to perform a discounted cash flow analysis.¹¹ In these circumstances, Black Hills and Basin provide a reasonable proxy.¹² First, a 10.8% return on equity is currently allowed to both Basin and Black Hills for their respective portions of the cost of service under the Joint Tariff. Second, both of the two new PRECorp facilities which occasion this rate increase request were necessary for the integrity of the system. The Durfee Substation replaced an aged and stressed line built in 1957, while the Tekla Substation Terminal was constructed and put into service in response to, and as a result of, facilities constructed by Black Hills.¹³ Because of that, and because all of PRECorp's transmission facilities are required for the proper operation of the Common Use System, it is reasonable to apply the same rate of return on equity to recover the costs of all of the facilities that are part of that system. *See, e.g., Citizens Energy Corp.*, 129 FERC ¶ 61,242 (2009) (allowing proxy rate already in effect for joint developer of transmission project).

¹⁰ See Testimony of Michael E. Easley, CEO of PRECorp., Exhibit No. PRE-1 at 3-4.

¹¹ *Sw. Power Pool, Inc.*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,367, at P 43 n.73 (Dec. 30, 2015) (citing Opinion No. 479, 111 FERC ¶ 61,092 (2005), *order on reh'g*, Opinion No. 479-A, 112 FERC ¶ 61,207 (2005), *reh'g denied*, Opinion No. 479-B, 115 FERC ¶ 61,297 (2006) and *Sw. Power Pool, Inc.*, 153 FERC ¶ 61,281, at P 11 (2015)).

¹² In similar circumstances, the Commission has permitted merchant generators to use the interconnected utility's rate of return as a proxy. *See Columbia Energy LLC*, 124 FERC ¶ 61,189, at P 25 (2008)(citing *Bluegrass Generation Co., L.L.C.*, 118 FERC ¶ 61,214, at P 86 (2007)).

¹³ Easley Testimony at 3 (Exhibit No. PRE-1).

Further, a 10.8% return on equity is just and reasonable given the financial risks undertaken by PRECorp in constructing the major transmission projects that have prompted this filing. The combined cost of the Bill Durfee and Teckla projects, some \$4.87 million, represents an 65% increase in PRECorp's net transmission plant in service subject to the Joint Tariff.¹⁴ This degree of investment, and concomitant risk, in other contexts, would properly support a request for incentive rates in demonstrating that a project is not "routine."¹⁵ PRECorp is not here seeking an incentive rate. However, the relative magnitude of investment demonstrates the risk incurred by PRECorp, especially given that PRECorp's only opportunity to recover the cost of its investment in the Joint Tariff facilities is through the Joint Tariff.

The resulting rate increase under the Joint Tariff is likewise just and reasonable. PRECorp's requested new revenue requirement of \$2,123,466 per year remains a small portion (6.3%) of the total revenue requirement for the Joint Use Utilities of \$33,713,284.¹⁶ While the requested increase in PRECorp's revenue requirement is significant for PRECorp – an increase of 64% its overall impact on the total revenue requirement for the Common Use Utilities is modest. Because of PRECorp's small contribution to the Common Use System, the rates resulting from accepting PRECorp's rate change reflect only a modest overall increase as well.¹⁷

¹⁴ Prior to the investment in the two projects, PRECorp's net investment in transmission facilities subject to the Joint Tariff was \$6.1 million. After the new investment, net investment climbs to \$10.1 million. See Testimony of Alan C. Heintz, Exhibit No. PRE-2 at 5-6.

¹⁵ See, e.g., *Citizens Energy Corp.*, 129 FERC ¶ 61,242 at P 17 (2009); *Baltimore Gas & Elec. Co.*, 120 FERC ¶ 61,084, at P 54 (2007).

¹⁶ See Heintz Testimony (Exhibit No. PRE-2) at 4 and 9 and Attachment A.

¹⁷ The revenue requirement requested here "would only result in an increase of \$0.11/kw/month (\$2.76/kw/month to \$2.87/kw/month) in the rate paid by transmission customers." Heintz Testimony at 9 (Exhibit No. PRE-2).

III. MISCELLANEOUS

The Revised Sheets have been paginated and designated in accordance with Designation of Electric Rate Schedule Sheets, Order No. 614, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,096 (2000).

No costs or expenses supporting the rates in the Revised Sheets have been alleged or judged in any administrative or judicial proceeding to be illegal, duplicative or unnecessary that are demonstrably the product of discriminatory practices.

IV. CONTENTS OF FILING

The following documents are included in this filing:

1. A Revised Tariff Sheet (Attachment A);
2. The currently-effective page of the Joint Tariff, redlined to show the changes being made pursuant to this filing (Attachment B);
3. Prepared Direct Testimony of Michael Easley, Exhibit No. PRE-1, (Attachment C), which includes his attestation of PRECorp's business records as required by 18 C.F.R. §35.13(d)(6);
4. Prepared Direct Testimony and Exhibits of Alan C. Heintz, Exhibit Nos. PRE-2 through PRE-4 (Attachment D); and
5. A List of Recipients (Attachment E).

V. COMMUNICATIONS

Please direct all communications concerning this filing to the following persons and include their names on the Commission's official service list in this proceeding:

The Honorable Kimberly D. Rose

November 30, 2016

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Enclosures

ATTACHMENT A

REVISED TARIFF SHEET

ATTACHMENT H

MONTHLY NETWORK TRANSMISSION REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSMISSION SERVICE ON THE AC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

1. The Annual Transmission Cost for Transmission Service on the AC Transmission System is:
 - a. Black Hills Component: Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement as determined pursuant to the formula set forth in this Attachment H
 - b. Basin Electric Component: \$16,482,130
 - c. PRECorp Component: \$2,123,466
 - d. Annual Transmission Cost: \$ (a + b + c)

The amounts in (a) (b) and (c) shall be effective until amended by the Transmission Provider or until modified by the Commission. Each of Black Hills, Basin Electric and PRECorp ("Party") may unilaterally modify its component of the Annual Transmission Cost pursuant to a filing with the FERC; provided that it must notify the other two Parties in writing not less than thirty (30) days prior to making such filing.

2. The Monthly Network Transmission Revenue Requirement shall be computed each month as follows:

$$x = (y \div 12) - z$$

- x = Monthly Network Transmission Revenue Requirement
y = Annual Transmission Cost (item 1(d))
z = Revenues from all Point-to-Point Transmission Service on the AC Transmission System in the month.

Black Hills Power, Inc.
Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement Formula

Estimate

Service Year 2009

Cost of Service Utilizing FERC Form 1 Data

Black Hills Power, Inc.

Line No.	(1) RATE BASE:	(2) Form No. 1 Page, Line, Col.	(3) Company Total	(4) Allocator (page 4)	(5) Transmission (Col 3 times Col 4)
GROSS PLANT IN SERVICE					
1	Production	205.46.g	329,718,108	NA	
2	Transmission	207.58.g	70,930,677	TP	52,479,764
3	New Construction CUS Assets	See Workpaper 2 (line 9)	17,247,000	TP	12,760,807
4	New Construction CUS Assets	See Workpaper 3 (line 19 col D)	2,974,250	TP	2,200,570
5	Distribution	207.75.g	239,729,489	NA	
6	General & Intangible	See Workpaper 4 (line 5 col 1)	31,450,235	W/S	2,206,407
7	Allocated Plant	See Workpaper 5 (line 5)	5,054,792	W/S	354,621
8	Communication System	207.94.g	6,874,999	T&D	1,468,503
9	Common	356.1	0	CE	0
10	TOTAL GROSS PLANT	(sum lines 1 - 9)	703,979,550	GP=	71,470,473
11					
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION					
12	Production	219.20-24.c	159,696,980	NA	
13	Transmission	219.25.c	23,826,360	TPA	21,009,226
14	Additional Transmission Depr	See Workpaper 2 (line 48)	2,090,423	TPA	1,843,259
15	Distribution	219.26.c	79,001,766	NA	
16	General & Intangible	See Workpaper 4 (line 24 col 1)	15,050,577	W/S	1,055,881
17	Allocated Plant	See Workpaper 5 (line 11)	2,073,154	W/S	145,443
18	Communication System	See Workpaper 4 (line 22 col 2)	2,136,253	T&D	456,305
19	Common	356.1	0	CE	0
20	TOTAL ACCUM. DEPRECIATION	(sum lines 13 - 20)	283,875,513		24,510,115
21					
NET PLANT IN SERVICE					
22	Production	(line 1 - line 13)	170,021,128	Auto	
23	Transmission	(line 2 - line 14)	47,104,317	Auto	31,470,537
24	New Construction CUS Assets	(line 3 - line 15)	15,156,577	Auto	10,917,347
25	New Construction CUS Assets	(line 4)	2,974,250	Auto	2,200,570
26	Distribution	(line 5 - line 16)	160,727,723	Auto	
27	General & Intangible	(line 6 - line 17)	16,399,658	Auto	1,150,526
28	Allocated Plant	(line 7 - line 18)	2,981,638	Auto	209,178
29	Communication System	(line 8 - line 19)	4,738,746	Auto	1,012,199
30	Common	(line 9 - line 20)	0	Auto	0
31	TOTAL NET PLANT	(sum lines 24 - 32)	420,104,037	NP=	46,960,358
32					
ADJUSTMENTS TO RATE BASE (Note A)					
33	Account No. 281 (enter negative)	273.8.k	(4,343)	NA	-
34	Account No. 282 (enter negative)	275.2.k	(68,245,483)	NP	(7,628,663)
35	Account No. 283 (enter negative)	277.9.k	(8,788,261)	NP	(982,375)
36	Account No. 190	234.8.c	7,258,863	NP	811,415
37	Account No. 255 (enter negative)	267.8.h	(307,159)	NP	(34,335)
38	FAS 109 Adjustment	(232.1.f - 278.1.f - 278.3.f)*.35	806,475	NP	90,150
39	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	(sum lines 36 - 41)			(7,743,809)
40					
41	LAND HELD FOR FUTURE USE	214.x.d (Note B)	0	DA	0
42					
WORKING CAPITAL (Notes C & H)					
43	CWC	(1/8 * line 63)	2,437,258	Auto	232,223
44	Materials & Supplies	227.5.c	4,668,225	T&D	997,135
45	Materials & Supplies	227.8.c	94,372	TP	69,823
46	Prepayments (Account 165)	111.57.c	6,173,396	GP	626,745
47	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL	(sum lines 47 - 50)			1,925,927
48					
49	TRANSMISSION RATE BASE	(sum lines 33, 42, 44, & 51)			41,142,476

**Cost of Service
Utilizing FERC Form 1 Data**

Black Hills Power, Inc.

Line No.	(1) Form No. 1 Page, Line, Col.	(2) Company Total	(4) Allocator (page 4)	(5) Transmission (Col 3 times Col 4)
O&M				
54	Transmission 321.112.b	9,746,067	TP 0.73987	7,210,876
55	Less: Account 565 and 561 321.84-92.b & 96.b	9,091,266	TP 0.73987	6,726,391
56	A&G 323.194.b	19,414,837	W/S 0.07016	1,362,058
57	Less FERC Annual Fees (Note D) 350.1.b	201,513	W/S 0.07016	14,137
58	Plus: Fixed PBOP expense (Note I)	227,200	W/S 0.07016	15,939
59	Less: Actual PBOP expense (Company Records)	224,882	W/S 0.07016	15,777
60	Less: EPRI & Reg. Comm. Exp. & Non-safety Ad. (Note E)	449,068	W/S 0.07016	31,505
61	Plus Trans Related Reg. Comm. Exp. (Note E) (Workpaper 1 line 11)	76,667	TP 0.73987	56,724
62	Common 356.1	0	CE 0.00000	0
63	TOTAL O&M (sum lines 54, 56, 58, 61, 62 less lines 55, 57, 59, 60)	19,498,062		1,857,787
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE (Note I)				
66	Transmission 336.7.b	1,650,459	TP 0.73987	1,221,132
67	New Construction CUS Assets See Workpaper 2 (line 13)	400,130	TP 0.73987	296,046
68	New Construction CUS Assets See Workpaper 3 (line 23)	69,003	TP 0.73987	51,053
69	General & intangible 336.10.b & 336.1.d&e	2,389,067	W/S 0.07016	167,606
70	Common 336.11.b	0	CE 0.00000	0
71	TOTAL DEPRECIATION (Sum lines 66 - 70)	4,508,659		1,735,837
TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAXES (Note F)				
LABOR RELATED				
75	Payroll 263.3i, 263.4i, 263.12i	1,667,209	W/S 0.07016	116,964
76	Highway and vehicle 263.i	0	W/S 0.07016	0
PLANT RELATED				
78	Property 263.23i	4,341,000	GP 0.10152	440,714
79	Gross Receipts 263.i	0	NA zero	0
80	Other 263.i	0	GP 0.10152	0
81	TOTAL OTHER TAXES (sum lines 75 - 80)	6,008,209		557,677
INCOME TAXES (Note G)				
85	$T = 1 - \frac{(1 - SIT) * (1 - FIT)}{(1 - SIT * FIT * p)}$ =	35.00%		
86	$CIT = (T/1-T) * (1 - (WCLTD/R))$ =	34.99%		
87	where WCLTD=(line 156) and R= (line 159)			
88	and FIT, SIT & p are as given in footnote G.			
90	Total Income Taxes (line 86 * line 93)			1,363,778
RETURN				
93	[Rate Base (line 53) * R (line 159)]		Auto	3,897,167
95	ESTIMATED REVENUE REQUIREMENT (sum lines 63, 71, 81, 90, 93)	30,014,930		9,412,267

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Black Hills Power, Inc.

SUPPORTING CALCULATIONS AND NOTES

Line No.	TRANSMISSION PLANT INCLUDED IN JOINT TARIFF RATES					
		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
96	Total transmission plant	Column (3) sum lines 2 - 4			91,151,927	
97	Less transmission plant excluded from Common Use Facilities	Company Records			25,310,952	
98	Less transmission plant included in Ancillary Services				0	
99	Transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 96 less lines 97 and 98)				65,840,975	
100	Plus Common Use AC Facilities (line 110)				6,150,861	
101	Total Gross Plant for the CUS System (line 99 plus line 100)				71,991,836	
102	Total CUS Plant (line 96 plus line 110)				97,302,788	
103						
104	Percentage of transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 101 divided by line 102)			TP=	0.739874	
105						
106	DISTRIBUTION PLANT INCLUDED IN JOINT TARIFF RATES					
		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
107	Total distribution plant	Column (3) line 5			239,729,489	
108	Less distribution plant excluded from Common Use Facilities	Company Records			233,578,628	
109	Less distribution plant included in Ancillary Services				0	
110	Common Use AC Facilities (line 107 less lines 108 & 109)				6,150,861	
111						
112	Percentage of distribution plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 107 divided by line 110)			DP=	0.025658	
113						
114	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION					
		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
115	Total Transmission Accumulated Depreciation	Column (3), sum lines 14 - 15			25,916,783	
116	Less transmission plant excluded from Common Use Facilities	Company Records			3,428,179	
117	Total Transmission Accumulated Depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 115 - line 116)				22,488,604	
118	Plus Common Use AC Facilities Accumulated Depreciation (line 127)				3,077,649	
119	Total Accumulated Depreciation for the CUS System (line 117 plus line 118)				25,566,253	
120	Total CUS Accumulated Depreciation (line 115 plus line 118)				28,994,432	
121						
122	Percentage of transmission plant accumulated depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 119 divided by line 120)			TPA=	0.881764	
123						
124		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
125	Total Distribution Accumulated Depreciation	219.26.c			79,001,766	
126	Less distribution accumulated depreciation excluded from Common Use Facilities (Company Records)				75,924,117	
127	Common Use AC Facilities (line 125 less line 126)				3,077,649	
128						
129	Percentage of distribution plant accumulated depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 127 divided by line 125)			DPA=	0.038957	
130						
131	WAGES & SALARY ALLOCATOR (W&S)					
132		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>	\$	TP	Allocation	
133	Transmission	354.21.b	1,171,648	0.74	866,872	
134	Total Wages Expense	354.28.b	14,244,451	0.00	0	W&S Allocator
135	Less: A&G Wages	354.27.b	-1,888,017	0.00	0	(\$ / Allocation)
136	Adjusted Total (sum lines 134-135)		12,356,434		866,872	WS= 0.07016
137						
138	TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION ALLOCATOR (T&D)					
			\$	% TP	T&D	
139	Transmission Net Plant	lines 25, 26 & 27	65,235,144	28.87%	74% 21.36%	
140	Distribution Net Plant	line 28	160,727,723	71.13%		
141	Total (sum lines 139 - 140)		225,962,867	100%		T&D = 21.36%
142						
143	RETURN (R)					\$
144	Long Term Interest	117, sum of 62.c through 66.c				11,817,050
145						
146	Preferred Dividends	118.29.c (positive number)				-
147						
148	Development of Common Stock:					
		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
149	Proprietary Capital	112.16.c				232,419,703
150	Less: Preferred Stock	112.3.c				
151	Less: Undistributed Earnings	112.12.c (enter negative)				
152	Less: Accum Other Comp Inc	112.15.c (enter negative)				-1,277,097
153	Adjusted Common Stock				(sum lines 149-152)	233,696,800
154						
155		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>	\$	%	Cost	Weighted
156	Long Term Debt	112.24.c	153,217,473	43.00%	7.71%	3.32%
157	Preferred Stock	112.3.c	0	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
158	Adjusted Common Stock	(see above line 153)	233,696,800	57.00% (Note I)	10.80% (Note I)	6.16%
159	Total (sum lines 156-158)		386,914,273			R = 9.47%

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Note
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- C Cash Working Capital assigned to transmission is one-eighth of O&M allocated to transmission at line 47, column 5.
- D The FERC's annual charges for the year assessed the Transmission Owner for service since annual charges assessed directly under this tariff.
- E Line 1 - EPRI Annual Membership Dues listed in Form 1 at 335.1.b, all Regulatory Commission Expenses itemized at 351.1.h, and non-safety related advertising included in Account 930.1.
- F Includes only FICA, unemployment, highway, property, gross receipts, and other assessments charged in the current year. Taxes related to income are excluded. Gross receipts taxes are not included in transmission revenue requirement in rates, since they are recovered elsewhere.
- G The currently effective income tax rate, where FIT is the Federal income tax rate; SIT is the State income tax rate, and p = "the percentage of federal income tax deductible for state income taxes". If the utility is taxed in more than one state it must attach a work paper showing the name of each state and how the blended or composite SIT was developed. Furthermore, a utility that elected to utilize amortization of tax credits against taxable income, rather than book tax credits to Account No. 255 and reduce rate base, must reduce its income tax expense by the amount of the Amortized Investment Tax Credit (Form 1, 266.8.f) multiplied by (1/1-T) (page 7, line 26).

Inputs Required:	FIT =	35.00%	
	SIT =	0.00%	(State Income Tax Rate or Composite SIT)
	p =	0.00%	(percent of federal income tax deductible for state purposes)
- H See Note H for the True-Up calculation.
- I Depreciation rates, PBOP, ROE, and Capital Structure are fixed amounts that can be changed only through a Section 205 filing.

True Up

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Line No.	(1) RATE BASE:	(2) Form No. 1 Page, Line, Col.	(3) Company Total	(4) Allocator (page 4)	(5) Transmission (Col 3 times Col 4)
GROSS PLANT IN SERVICE (Note H)					
1	Production	205.46.g		NA	
2	Transmission	207.58.g		TP	0.00000
3	Distribution	207.75.g		NA	0
4	General & Intangible	See Workpaper 4		W/S	0.00000
5	Allocated Plant	See Workpaper 5		W/S	0.00000
6	Communication System	See Workpaper 4		T&D	0.00000
7	Common	356.1		CE	0.00000
8	TOTAL GROSS PLANT	(sum lines 1 - 7)	0	GP=	0.000%
9					
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION (Note H)					
11	Production	219.20-24.c		NA	
12	Transmission	219.25.c		TPA	0.00000
13	Distribution	219.26.c		NA	0
14	General & Intangible	219.28.c		W/S	0.00000
15	Allocated Plant	See Workpaper 5		W/S	0.00000
16	Communication System	See Workpaper 4		T&D	0.00000
17	Common	356.1		CE	0.00000
18	TOTAL ACCUM. DEPRECIATION	(sum lines 11 - 17)	0		0
19					
NET PLANT IN SERVICE (Note H)					
21	Production	(line 1 - line 11)	0	Auto	
22	Transmission	(line 2 - line 12)	0	Auto	0
23	Distribution	(line 3 - line 13)	0	Auto	
24	General & Intangible	(line 4 - line 14)	0	Auto	0
25	Allocated Plant	(line 5 - line 15)	0	Auto	0
26	Communication System	(line 6 - line 16)	0	Auto	0
27	Common	(line 7 - line 17)	0	Auto	0
28	TOTAL NET PLANT	(sum lines 21 - 27)	0	NP=	0.000%
29					
ADJUSTMENTS TO RATE BASE (Notes A & H)					
31	Account No. 281 (enter negative)	273.8.k		NA	zero
32	Account No. 282 (enter negative)	275.2.k		NP	0.00000
33	Account No. 283 (enter negative)	277.9.k		NP	0.00000
34	Account No. 190	234.8.c		NP	0.00000
35	Account No. 255 (enter negative)	267.8.h		NP	0.00000
38	FAS 109 Adjustment	(232.1.f - 278.1.f - 278.3.f)*.35		NP	0.00000
37	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	(sum lines 31 - 36)			-
38					
39	LAND HELD FOR FUTURE USE	214.x.d (Notes B & H)	0	DA	0.00000
40					
WORKING CAPITAL (Notes C & H)					
42	CWC	(1/8 * line 58)	0	Auto	0
43	Materials & Supplies	227.5.c		T&D	0.00000
44	Materials & Supplies	227.8.c		TP	0.00000
45	Prepayments (Account 165)	111.57.d		GP	0.00000
46	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL	(sum lines 42 - 45)			0
47					
48	TRANSMISSION RATE BASE	(sum lines 28, 37, 39, & 46)			0

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Line No.	(1)	Form No. 1 Page, Line, Col.	(2)	(3)	Company Total	(4)	Allocators		(5)
							Allocator (page 4)	Transmission (Col 3 times Col 4)	
		O&M							
49		Transmission	321.112.b			TP	0.00000	0	
50		Less: Account 565 and 561	321.84-92.b & 96.b			TP	0.00000	0	
51		A&G	323.194.b			W/S	0.00000	0	
52		Less FERC Annual Fees (Note D)	350.1.b			W/S	0.00000	0	
53		Plus: Fixed PBOP expense (Note I)				W/S	0.00000	0	
54		Less: Actual PBOP expense (Company Records)				W/S	0.00000	0	
55		Less: EPRI & Reg. Comm. Exp. & Non-safety Ad. (Note E)				W/S	0.00000	0	
56		Plus Transmission Related Reg. Comm. Exp. (Note E)				TP	0.00000	0	
57		Common	356.1			CE	0.00000	0	
58		TOTAL O&M (sum lines 49, 51, 53, 56, 57 less lines 50, 52, 54, 55)			0			0	
59									
60		DEPRECIATION EXPENSE (Note I)							
61		Transmission	336.7.b			TP	0.00000	0	
62		General & intangible	336.10.b & 336.1.d&e			W/S	0.00000	0	
63		Common	336.11.b			CE	0.00000	0	
64		TOTAL DEPRECIATION (Sum lines 61 - 63)			0			0	
65									
66		TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAXES (Note F)							
67		LABOR RELATED							
68		Payroll	263.3i, 263.4i, 263.12i			W/S	0.00000	0	
69		Highway and vehicle	263.i			W/S	0.00000	0	
70		PLANT RELATED							
71		Property	263.23i			GP	0.00000	0	
72		Gross Receipts	263.i			NA	zero	0	
73		Other	263.i			GP	0.00000	0	
74		TOTAL OTHER TAXES (sum lines 68 - 73)			0			0	
75									
76									
77		INCOME TAXES (Note G)							
78		$T = 1 - \{[(1 - \text{FIT}) * (1 - \text{SIT})] / (1 - \text{SIT} * \text{FIT} * p)\} =$			35.00%				
79		$\text{CIT} = (T/1-T) * (1 - (\text{WCLTD}/R)) =$			53.85%				
80		where WCLTD=(line 154) and R=(line 157)							
81		and FIT, SIT & p are as given in footnote G.							
82									
83		Total Income Taxes (line 79 * line 86)						0	
84									
85		RETURN				Auto		0	
86		[Rate Base (line 48) * R (line 157)]							
87									
88		REVENUE REQUIREMENT (sum lines 58, 64, 74, 83, 85)			0			0	
89									
90		ESTIMATED REVENUE REQUIREMENT (pg. 3 line 95)							
91									
92		TRUE-UP AMOUNT TO BE (REFUNDED)/PAID (line 88 - line 90)						0	

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SUPPORTING CALCULATIONS AND NOTES

Line No.	TRANSMISSION PLANT INCLUDED IN JOINT TARIFF RATES					
		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
93	Total transmission plant	Column (3) line 2				0
94	Less transmission plant excluded from Common Use Facilities	Company Records				
95	Less transmission plant included in Ancillary Services	Company Records				
96	Transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 93 less lines 94 and 95)					0
97	Plus Common Use AC Facilities (line 107)					0
98	Total Gross Plant for the CUS System (line 96 plus line 97)					0
99	Total CUS Plant (line 93 plus line 107)					0
100						
101	Percentage of transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 98 divided by line 99)			TP=		0.000000
102						
103	DISTRIBUTION PLANT INCLUDED IN JOINT TARIFF RATES					
		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
104	Total distribution plant	Column (3) line 3				0
105	Less distribution plant excluded from Common Use Facilities	Company Records				
106	Less distribution plant included in Ancillary Services	Company Records				
107	Common Use AC Facilities (line 104 less lines 105 & 106)					0
108						
109	Percentage of distribution plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 104 divided by line 107)			DP=		0.000000
110						
111	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION					
		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
112	Total Transmission Accumulated Depreciation	Column (3) line 12				0
113	Less transmission plant excluded from Common Use Facilities	Company Records				
114	Total Transmission Accumulated Depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 112 - line 113)					0
115	Plus Common Use AC Facilities Accumulated Depreciation (line 124)					0
116	Total Accumulated Depreciation for the CUS System (line 114 plus line 115)					0
117	Total CUS Accumulated Depreciation (line 112 plus line 115)					0
118						
119	Percentage of transmission plant accumulated depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 116 divided by line 117)			TPA=		0.000000
120						
121		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
122	Total Distribution Accumulated Depreciation	Column (3) line 13				0
123	Less distribution accumulated depreciation excluded from Common Use Facilities (Company Records)					
124	Common Use AC Facilities (line 122 less line 123)					0
125						
126	Percentage of distribution plant accumulated depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 124 divided by line 122)			DPA=		0.000000
127						
128	WAGES & SALARY ALLOCATOR (W&S)					
129		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>	\$	TP	Allocation	
130	Transmission	354.21.b		0.00	0	
131	Total Wages Expense	354.28.b		0.00	0	W&S Allocator
132	Less: A&G Wages	354.27.b		0.00	0	(\$ / Allocation)
133	Adjusted Total (sum lines 131-132)		0		0 WS=	0.00000
134						
135	TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION ALLOCATOR (T&D)					
136			\$	%	TP	T&D
137	Transmission Net Plant	line 22	0	0.00%	0%	0.00%
138	Distribution Net Plant	line 23	0	0.00%		
139	Total (sum lines 137 - 138)		0	0%		T&D = 0.00%
140						
141	RETURN (R)					
		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				\$
142	Long Term Interest	117, sum of 62.c through 66.c				
143						
144	Preferred Dividends	118.29.c (positive number)				
145						
146	Development of Common Stock:					
		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>				
147	Proprietary Capital	112.16.c				
148	Less: Preferred Stock	112.3.c				
149	Less: Undistributed Earnings	112.12.c (enter negative)				
150	Less: Accum Other Comp Inc	112.15.c (enter negative)				
151	Adjusted Common Stock			(sum lines 147-150)		
152						
153		<u>Form 1 Reference</u>	\$	%	Cost	Weighted
154	Long Term Debt	112.24.c		43.00%	0.00%	0.00%
155	Preferred Stock	112.3.c		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
156	Adjusted Common Stock	(see above line 151)	0	57.00% (Note I)	10.80% (Note I)	6.16%
157	Total (sum lines 154-156)		0		R =	6.16%

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	SIT =	0.00%	(State Income Tax Rate or Composite SIT)
	p =	0.00%	(percent of federal income tax deductible for state purposes)
- H For the True-Up calculation only, Gross Plant, Accumulated Depreciation and Net Plant are based on the 13-monthly plant balances. All other rate base items are based on the average of the beginning of the year and end of year balances.
- I Depreciation rates, PBOP, ROE, and Capital Structure are fixed amounts that can be changed only through a Section 205 filing.

Capital True Up

Line
No.

1 The True-Up Adjustment component of the Formula Rate for each Rate Year beginning with rates effective January 1, 2010 shall be determined as follows:

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3 (i) Beginning with 2009, no later than June 1 of each year, Black Hills Power shall recalculate an adjusted Annual
4 Transmission Revenue Requirement (ATRR) for the previous calendar year based on its actual costs as reflected
5 in its Form No. 1 and its books and records for that calendar year, consistent with FERC
6 accounting policies.

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8 (ii) Black Hills Power shall determine the difference between the recalculated ATRR as determined in paragraph (i)
9 above, and ATRR based on projected costs for the previous calendar year (True-Up Adj before Interest).

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11 (iii) The True-Up Adjustment shall be determined as follows:

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13 True-Up Adjustment equals the True-Up Adjustment before Interest multiplied by $(1+i)^{18}$ months.

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15 Where: i = Sum of (the monthly rates for the 4 months ending April 30 of the current year and
16 the monthly rates for the 12 months ending December 31 of the preceding year)
17 divided by 16 months.

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19 Summary of Formula Rate Process including True-Up Adjustment (Using 2009 as an example)

Month	Year	Action
True-Up Calculation:		
Step 1	May	2010 TO populates the formula with 2009 Actual data and calculates the 2009 True-up Adjustment before Interest
Step 2	May	2010 TO compares the revenue received during 2009 to the True-Up calculation done above
Step 3	May	2010 TO calculates the Interest to include in the 2009 True-Up Adjustment
Step 4	July	2010 TO either collects or pays the lump-sum adjustment calculated above
Annual Rate Calculation:		
Step 5	September	2010 TO populates the formula with 2009 Actual data plus known additions placed in service (over \$1,000,000) for 2010 (See WP 2 for an example)
Step 6	September	2010 TO estimates transmission Capital Additions (over \$1,000,000) for 2011 expected to be in service in 2011 (See WP 3 for an example)
Step 7	September	2010 TO adds weighted Capital Adds, Accumulated Depreciation and Depreciation Expense to plant in service in Formula
Step 8	September	2010 Post results of Step 7 on web site
Step 9	October	2010 TO to hold an open meeting for it's customers and representatives to explain the formula rate projections and cost details
Step 10	January	2011 Results of Step 7 go into effect

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36 Note 1: To the extent possible each input into the Formula Rate used to calculate the actual ATRR included in the True-Up
37 Adjustment either will be taken directly from the FERC Form No. 1 or will be reconcilable to the FERC Form No. 1
38 by the application of clearly identified and supported information. If the reconciliation is provided through a
39 worksheet included in the filed Formula Rate template, the inputs to the worksheet must meet this transparency
40 standard, and doing so will satisfy this transparency requirement for the amounts that are output from the
41 worksheet and input to the main body of the Formula Rate.

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43 Complete for Each Calendar Year beginning in 2009

	Transmission Schedule 1	
44 A True-Up Amount (Transmission see pg 7 line 92 and Schedule 1 see pg 18 line 12)	1.00	1.00
45 B Future Value Factor $(1+i)^{18}$	1.00	1.00
46 C True-Up Amount to be (Refunded)/Paid based on 2009 Actual Load (A*B)	\$0.00	\$0.00

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49 Where: i = average interest rate as calculated below

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51 Interest on Amount of Refunds or Surcharges Interest 35.19a for Current Year

Month	Year	Interest 35.19a for Month
52		
53		
54	January	Year 1 0.0000%
55	February	Year 1 0.0000%
56	March	Year 1 0.0000%
57	April	Year 1 0.0000%
58	May	Year 1 0.0000%
59	June	Year 1 0.0000%
60	July	Year 1 0.0000%
61	August	Year 1 0.0000%
62	September	Year 1 0.0000%
63	October	Year 1 0.0000%
64	November	Year 1 0.0000%
65	December	Year 1 0.0000%
66	January	Year 2 0.0000%
67	February	Year 2 0.0000%
68	March	Year 2 0.0000%
69	April	Year 2 0.0000%
70	Average Interest Rate	0.0000%

Black Hills Power, Inc.
Formula Rate Protocols

Section I. Applicability

The following procedures shall apply to Black Hills Power, Inc.'s ("Black Hills Power") calculation of its projected net revenue requirement, actual net revenue requirement, and True-Up Adjustment (as that term is defined in Section VI.1 of these protocols) for a calendar year ("Service Year").

Section II. Annual True-Up and Projected Net Revenue Requirement

1. On or before June 1 of each year, Black Hills Power shall determine its actual net revenue requirement and True-Up Adjustment (collectively, "Annual True-Up") for the preceding Service Year in accordance with the Black Hills Power formula rate under Attachment H to the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff of Black Hills Power, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Powder River Energy Corporation ("Joint Tariff") and Section VI of these protocols, and shall post its Annual True-Up on the Black Hills Power website and OASIS. Within ten (10) days of such posting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice to Interested Parties (as that term is defined in Section II.6 of these protocols) of such posting via an email exploder list for which Interested Parties may subscribe on the Black Hills Power website.

2. On or before September 30 of each year, Black Hills Power shall determine its projected net revenue requirement for the following Service Year in accordance with the Black Hills Power formula rate under the Joint Tariff, and shall post its projected net revenue requirement on the Black Hills Power website and OASIS. Within ten (10) days of posting the projected net revenue requirement, Black Hills Power shall provide notice to Interested Parties of such posting to an email exploder list for which Interested Parties may subscribe on the Black Hills Power website.

3. If the date for posting the Annual True-Up or the projected net revenue requirement falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC"), then the posting shall be due on the next business day. The dates on which posting of the Annual True-Up and the projected net revenue requirement occur shall be that year's "True-Up Publication Date" and "Projected Rate Publication Date," respectively. Any delay in the True-Up Publication Date or Projected Rate Publication Date will result in an equivalent extension of time for the submission of information and document requests discussed in Section III of these protocols.

4. The Annual True-Up shall:

- A. Include a workable data-populated formula rate template and underlying workpapers in native format with all formulas and links intact;
- B. Be based on Black Hills Power's FERC Form No. 1 for the prior calendar year;
- C. Provide the formula rate calculations and all inputs thereto, as well as supporting documentation and workpapers for data that are used in the Annual True-Up that are not otherwise available in FERC Form No. 1;
- D. Provide sufficient information to enable Interested Parties to replicate the calculation of the Annual True-Up results from FERC Form No. 1;
- E. Identify any changes in the formula references (page and line numbers) to FERC Form No. 1;
- F. Identify all material adjustments made to the FERC Form No. 1 data in determining formula inputs, including relevant footnotes to FERC Form No. 1 and any

adjustments not shown in FERC Form No. 1;

G. Provide underlying data for formula rate inputs that provide greater granularity than is required for FERC Form No. 1;

H. With respect to any change in accounting that affects inputs to the formula rate or the resulting charges billed under the formula rate ("Accounting Change"):

a. Identify any Accounting Changes, including:

i. the initial implementation of an accounting standard or policy,

ii. the initial implementation of accounting practices for unusual or unconventional items where FERC has not provided specific accounting direction,

iii. correction of errors and prior period adjustments that impact the True-Up Adjustment calculation,

iv. the implementation of new estimation methods or policies that change prior estimates, and

v. changes to income tax elections;

b. Identify items included in the Annual True-Up at an amount other than on a historic cost basis (e.g., fair value adjustments);

c. Identify any reorganization or merger transaction during the previous year and explain the effect of the accounting for such transaction(s) on inputs to the

Annual True-Up; and

- d. Provide, for each item identified pursuant to Sections II.4.H.a - II.4.H.c of these protocols, a narrative explanation of the individual impact of such changes on the True-Up Adjustment.
5. The projected net revenue requirement shall:
- A. Include a workable data-populated formula rate template and underlying workpapers in native format with all formulas and links intact;
 - B. Be based on Black Hills Power's most recent FERC Form No. 1;
 - C. Provide the formula rate calculations and all inputs thereto, as well as supporting documentation and workpapers for data that are used in the projected net revenue requirement that are not otherwise available in FERC Form No. 1;
 - D. Provide sufficient information to enable Interested Parties to replicate the calculation of the projected net revenue requirement;
 - E. With respect to any Accounting Change:
 - a. Identify any Accounting Changes, including:
 - i. the initial implementation of an accounting standard or policy;
 - ii. the initial implementation of accounting practices for unusual or unconventional items where FERC has not provided specific accounting direction;

- iii. correction of errors and prior period adjustments that impact the projected net revenue requirement calculation;
- iv. the implementation of new estimation methods or policies that change prior estimates; and
- v. changes to income tax elections;

- b. Identify items included in the projected net revenue requirement at an amount other than on a historic cost basis (*e.g.*, fair value adjustments);
- c. Identify any reorganization or merger transaction during the previous year and explain the effect of the accounting for such transaction(s) on inputs to the projected net revenue requirement; and
- d. Provide, for each item identified pursuant to Sections II.5.D.a - II.5.D.c of these protocols, a narrative explanation of the individual impact of such changes on the projected net revenue requirement.

6. Black Hills Power shall hold an open meeting among Interested Parties between the True-Up Publication Date and July 1 each year ("Annual True-Up Meeting"). No less than seven (7) days prior to such Annual True-Up Meeting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice on its website and OASIS of the time, date, and location of the Annual True-Up Meeting, and shall provide notice of such meeting via an email exploder list. For purposes of these procedures, the term Interested Party includes, but is not limited to, customers under the Joint Tariff, state utility regulatory commissions, consumer advocacy agencies, and state attorneys general. The Annual True-Up Meeting shall: (i) permit Black Hills Power to explain and clarify its Annual True-Up;

and (ii) provide Interested Parties an opportunity to seek information and clarifications from Black Hills Power about the Annual True-Up. Black Hills Power shall provide remote access to Annual True-Up Meetings to allow all Interested Parties the opportunity to remotely participate in such meetings.

7. Black Hills Power shall hold an open meeting among Interested Parties between the Projected Rate Publication Date and October 30 each year (“Annual Projected Rate Meeting”). No less than seven (7) days prior to such Annual Projected Rate Meeting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice on its website and OASIS of the time, date, and location of the Annual Projected Rate Meeting, and shall provide notice of such meeting via an email exploder list. The Annual Projected Rate Meeting shall: (i) permit Black Hills Power to explain and clarify its projected net revenue requirement; and (ii) provide Interested Parties an opportunity to seek information and clarifications from Black Hills Power about the projected net revenue requirement. Black Hills Power shall provide remote access to Annual Projected Rate Meetings to allow all Interested Parties the opportunity to remotely participate in such meetings.

8. In the event that Black Hills Power utilizes a regional cost sharing mechanism with other transmission owners for the recovery of transmission project costs under Black Hills Power’s formula rate contained in this Attachment H of the Joint Tariff, Black Hills Power shall endeavor to coordinate with other transmission owners utilizing the same regional cost sharing mechanism to hold an annual joint informational meeting among those transmission owners and Interested Parties to enable all Interested Parties the opportunity to understand how those transmission owners are implementing their formula rates for recovering the costs of such projects. No less than seven (7) days prior to such joint informational meetings, Black Hills Power shall provide notice on its website and OASIS of the time, date, and location of the joint informational

meeting, and shall provide notice of such meeting via an email exploder list. Black Hills Power shall provide remote access to joint informational meetings to allow all Interested Parties the opportunity to remotely participate in such meetings.

Section III. Information Exchange Procedures

Each Annual True-Up and projected net revenue requirement shall be subject to the following information exchange procedures (“Information Exchange Procedures”):

1. Interested Parties shall have until August 1 following the True-Up Publication Date (unless such period is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power or by FERC order) to serve reasonable information and document requests on Black Hills Power (“True-Up Information Exchange Period”). If August 1 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, the deadline for submitting all information and document requests for the True-Up Information Exchange Period shall be extended to the next business day. Such information and document requests shall be limited to what is necessary to determine:

- A. the extent or effect of an Accounting Change;
- B. whether the Annual True-Up fails to include data properly recorded in accordance with these protocols;
- C. the proper application of the formula rate and procedures in these protocols;
- D. the accuracy of data and consistency with the formula rate of the calculations shown in the Annual True-Up;
- E. the prudence of actual costs and expenditures, including utilized procurement methods and cost control methodologies;

- F. the effect of any change to the underlying Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1; or
- G. any other information that may reasonably have substantive effect on the calculation of the charge pursuant to the formula rate.

The information and document requests shall not otherwise be directed to ascertaining whether the formula rate is just and reasonable.

2. Interested Parties shall have until November 30 following the Projected Rate Publication Date (unless such period is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power or by FERC order) to serve reasonable information and document requests on Black Hills Power ("Projected Rate Information Exchange Period"). If November 30 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, the deadline for submitting all information and document requests for the Projected Rate Information Exchange Period shall be extended to the next business day. Such information and document requests shall be limited to what is necessary to determine:

- A. the extent or effect of an Accounting Change;
- B. whether the projected net revenue requirement fails to include data properly recorded in accordance with these protocols;
- C. the proper application of the formula rate and procedures in these protocols;
- D. the accuracy of data and consistency with the formula rate of the calculations shown in the projected net revenue requirement;
- E. the prudence of projected costs and expenditures, including utilized procurement methods and cost control methodologies;

F. the effect of any change to the underlying Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1; or

G. any other information that may reasonably have substantive effect on the calculation of the charge pursuant to the formula rate.

The information and document requests shall not otherwise be directed to ascertaining whether the formula rate is just and reasonable.

3. Black Hills Power shall make a good faith effort to respond to information and document requests within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of such requests. Black Hills Power shall respond to all information and document requests submitted during the True-Up Information Exchange Period by no later than September 1 following the True-Up Publication Date, unless the True-Up Information Exchange Period is extended by Black Hills Power or FERC. Further, Black Hills Power shall respond to all information and document requests submitted during the Projected Rate Information Exchange Period by no later than December 31 following the Projected Rate Publication Date, unless the Projected Rate Information Exchange Period is extended by Black Hills Power or FERC.

4. Black Hills Power will post on its website and OASIS all information and document requests from Interested Parties and Black Hills Power's response(s) to such requests; except, however, if responses to information and document requests include material deemed by Black Hills Power to be privileged and/or confidential, such information will not be publicly posted but confidential information will be made available to requesting parties provided that a confidentiality agreement is executed by Black Hills Power and the requesting party.

5. Black Hills Power shall not claim that responses to information and document requests provided pursuant to these protocols are subject to any settlement privilege, in any subsequent

FERC proceeding addressing Black Hills Power's Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement.

Section IV. Challenge Procedures

1. Interested Parties shall have until September 15 following the True-Up Publication Date (unless such period is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power or by FERC order) to review the inputs, supporting explanations, allocations and calculations and to notify Black Hills Power in writing, which may be made electronically, of any specific Informal Challenges to the Annual True-Up. The period of time from the True-Up Publication Date until September 15 shall be referred to as the "True-Up Review Period." If September 15 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, the deadline for submitting all Informal Challenges regarding the Annual True-Up shall be extended to the next business day.

2. Interested Parties shall have until January 15 following the Projected Rate Publication Date (unless such period is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power or by FERC order) to review the inputs, supporting explanations, allocations and calculations and to notify Black Hills Power in writing, which may be made electronically, of any specific Informal Challenges to the projected net revenue requirement. The period of time from the Projected Rate Publication Date until January 15 shall be referred to as the "Projected Rate Review Period." If January 15 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, the deadline for submitting all Informal Challenges regarding the projected net revenue requirement shall be extended to the next business day.

3. Failure to pursue an issue through an Informal Challenge or to lodge a Formal Challenge within the timelines provided in these protocols regarding any issue as to a given Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement shall bar pursuit of such issue with respect to that

Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement under the challenge procedures set forth in these protocols, but shall not bar pursuit of such issue or the lodging of a Formal Challenge as to such issue as it relates to a subsequent Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement. This Section IV.3 in no way shall affect a party's rights under Section 206 of the Federal Power Act as set forth in Section IV.10 of these protocols.

4. A party submitting an Informal Challenge to Black Hills Power must specify the inputs, supporting explanations, allocations, calculations, or other information to which it objects, and provide an appropriate explanation and documents to support its challenge. Black Hills Power shall make a good faith effort to respond to any Informal Challenge within twenty (20) business days of notification of such challenge. Black Hills Power shall appoint a senior representative to work with the party (or its representative) submitting the Informal Challenge toward a resolution of the dispute, and, where deemed necessary, may request the appointment of a FERC Administrative Law Judge that is mutually acceptable to the challenging party to facilitate discussions to attempt to resolve the dispute. If Black Hills Power disagrees with such challenge, Black Hills Power will provide the Interested Party(ies) with an explanation supporting the inputs, supporting explanations, allocations, calculations, or other information. No Informal Challenge of the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement may be submitted after September 15 and January 15, respectively, following the True-Up Publication Date and Projected Rate Publication Date, unless September 15 or January 15 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, in which case the deadline for submitting all Informal Challenges shall be extended to the next business day. Black Hills Power must respond to: (1) all Informal Challenges of the Annual True-Up by no later than October 15 following the True-Up Publication Date, unless the True-Up Review Period is extended by Black Hills Power

or FERC; and (2) all Informal Challenges of the projected net revenue requirement by February 15 following the Projected Rate Publication Date, unless the Projected Rate Review Period is extended by Black Hills Power or FERC.

5. Informal Challenges shall be subject to the resolution procedures and limitations in this Section IV. Formal Challenges shall be filed pursuant to these protocols and shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

A. A Formal Challenge shall:

- a. Clearly identify the action or inaction which is alleged to violate the formula rate or protocols;
- b. Explain how the action or inaction violates the formula rate or protocols;
- c. Set forth the business, commercial, economic or other issues presented by the action or inaction as such relate to or affect the party filing the Formal Challenge, including:
 - i. The extent or effect of an Accounting Change;
 - ii. Whether the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement fails to include data properly recorded in accordance with these protocols;
 - iii. The proper application of the formula rate and procedures in these protocols;
 - iv. The accuracy of data and consistency with the formula rate of the

charges shown in the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement;

- v. The prudence of actual or projected costs and expenditures;
 - vi. The effect of any change to the underlying Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1; or
 - vii. Any other information that may reasonably have substantive effect on the calculation of the charge pursuant to the formula rate.
- d. Make a good faith effort to quantify the financial impact or burden (if any) created for the party filing the Formal Challenge as a result of the action or inaction;
 - e. State whether the issues presented are pending in an existing FERC proceeding or a proceeding in any other forum in which the filing party is a party, and if so, provide an explanation why timely resolution cannot be achieved in that forum;
 - f. State the specific relief or remedy requested, including any request for stay or extension of time, and the basis for that relief;
 - g. Include all documents that support the facts in the Formal Challenge in possession of, or otherwise attainable by, the filing party, including, but not limited to, contracts and affidavits; and
 - h. State whether the filing party utilized the Informal Challenge procedures

described these protocols to dispute the action or inaction raised by the Formal Challenge, and, if not, describe why not.

B. Service. Any person filing a Formal Challenge must serve a copy of the Formal Challenge on Black Hills Power. Service to Black Hills Power must be simultaneous with filing at FERC. Simultaneous service can be accomplished by electronic mail in accordance with Section 385.2010(f)(3) of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, facsimile, express delivery, or messenger. 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010(f)(3). The party filing the Formal Challenge shall serve the individual listed as the contact person on Black Hills Power's Informational Filing required under Section V of these protocols.

6. Informal and Formal Challenges shall be limited to all issues that may be necessary to determine: (1) the extent or effect of an Accounting Change; (2) whether the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement fails to include data properly recorded in accordance with these protocols; (3) the proper application of the formula rate and procedures in these protocols; (4) the accuracy of data and consistency with the formula rate of the calculations shown in the Annual True-Up and projected net revenue requirement; (5) the prudence of actual or projected costs and expenditures; (6) the effect of any change to the underlying Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1; or (7) any other information that may reasonably have substantive effect on the calculation of the charge pursuant to the formula rate.

7. Black Hills Power will post on its website and OASIS all Informal Challenges from Interested Parties and Black Hills Power's response(s) to such Informal Challenges; except, however, if Informal Challenges or responses to Informal Challenges include material deemed by Black Hills Power to be privileged and/or confidential, such information will not be publicly

posted but confidential information will be made available to requesting parties provided that a confidentiality agreement is executed by Black Hills Power and the requesting party.

8. An Interested Party shall have until April 1 following the True-Up Review Period and Projected Rate Review Period (unless such date is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power to continue efforts to resolve the Informal Challenge) to make a Formal Challenge with FERC, which shall be served on Black Hills Power on the date of such filing as specified in Section IV.5.B of these protocols. A Formal Challenge shall be filed in the same docket as Black Hills Power's Informational Filing discussed in Section V of these protocols. Black Hills Power shall respond to the Formal Challenge by the deadline established by FERC. A party may not pursue a Formal Challenge if that party did not submit an Informal Challenge during the applicable True-Up Review Period or Projected Rate Review Period.

9. In any proceeding initiated by FERC concerning the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement or in response to a Formal Challenge, Black Hills Power shall bear the burden, consistent with Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, of proving that it has correctly applied the terms of the formula rate consistent with these protocols, and that it followed the applicable requirements and procedures in Attachment H of the Joint Tariff and these protocols. Nothing herein is intended to alter the burdens applied by FERC with respect to prudence challenges.

10. Except as specifically provided herein, nothing herein shall be deemed to limit in any way the right of Black Hills Power to file unilaterally, pursuant to Federal Power Act Section 205 and the regulations thereunder, to change the formula rate or any of its inputs (including, but not limited to, rate of return and transmission incentive rate treatment), or to replace the formula rate with a stated rate, or the right of any other party to request such changes pursuant to Section

206 of the Federal Power Act and the regulations thereunder.

11. No party shall seek to modify the formula rate under the Challenge Procedures set forth in these protocols, and the Annual True-Up and projected net revenue requirement shall not be subject to challenge by anyone for the purpose of modifying the formula rate. Any modifications to the formula rate will require, as applicable, a Federal Power Act Section 205 or Section 206 filing.

12. Any Interested Party seeking changes to the application of the formula rate due to a change in the Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1, shall first raise the matter with Black Hills Power in accordance with this Section IV before pursuing a Formal Challenge.

Section V. Informational Filings

1. By March 1 of each year, Black Hills Power shall submit to FERC an informational filing ("Informational Filing") of its projected net revenue requirement and Annual True-Up in connection with the postings performed in accordance with Section II of these protocols during the prior year. This Informational Filing must include the information that is reasonably necessary to determine: (1) that input data under the formula rate are properly recorded in any underlying workpapers; (2) that Black Hills Power has properly applied the formula rate and these procedures; (3) the accuracy of data and the consistency with the formula rate of the net revenue requirement and rates under review; (4) the extent of accounting changes that affect formula rate inputs; and (5) the reasonableness of projected costs. The Informational Filing shall include the formula rate template and underlying workpapers in native format fully populated and with formulas intact. The Informational Filing also must describe any corrections or adjustments made during that period, and must describe all aspects of the formula rate or its inputs that are the subject of an ongoing dispute under the Informal or Formal Challenge

procedures. Within five (5) days of such Informational Filing, Black Hills Power shall provide notice of the Informational Filing via an email exploder list and by posting the docket number assigned to Black Hills Power's Informational Filing on its website and OASIS.

2. Any challenges to the implementation of the Black Hills Power formula rate under Attachment H of the Joint Tariff must be made through the Challenge Procedures described in Section IV of these protocols or in a separate complaint proceeding, and not in response to the Informational Filing.

Section VI. Calculation of True-Up Adjustment

The True-Up Adjustment will be determined in the following manner:

1. The projected net revenue requirement on the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement Formula Estimate template, line 95, column 5 of Attachment H for the Service Year will be compared to the True-Up net revenue requirement for the same Service Year (Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement True Up template, line 88, column 5 of Attachment H of the Joint Tariff) calculated in accordance with Attachment H of the Joint Tariff using Black Hills Power's FERC Form No. 1 for the same Service Year to determine any over or under recovery. The sum of the excess or shortfall due to the actual versus projected net revenue requirement shall constitute the "True-Up Adjustment" amount. The True-Up Adjustment and related calculations shall be posted to Black Hills Power's website and OASIS no later than June 1 (or if that day falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, then the posting shall be due on the next business day) following the issuance of the FERC Form No. 1 for the previous year, as set forth in Section II of these protocols.

2. The True-Up Adjustment amount to be refunded or paid, as calculated on line 47 of the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement Capital True Up in Attachment H of the Joint Tariff,

shall be paid in full in July of each year. The amount on any over or under recovery shall be allocated to the customers based on actual billing determinants for the preceding year.

3. Interest on any over recovery of the net revenue requirement shall be determined based on Section 35.19a of FERC's regulations. 18 C.F.R. § 35.19a. Interest on any under recovery of the net revenue requirement shall be determined using the interest rate equal to Black Hills Power's actual short-term debt costs capped at the applicable FERC refund interest rate. In either case, the interest payable shall be calculated using an average interest rate for the sixteen (16) months during which the over or under recovery in the net revenue requirement exists (*i.e.*, January of the year prior through April of the year in which the true-up occurs). That interest rate will be applied, with quarterly compounding, to the principal amount (*i.e.*, the over or under recovery in the net revenue requirement) for the eighteen (18) months during which that over or under recovery exists.

Section VII. Changes to True-Up Adjustment or Projected Net Revenue Requirement

1. Any changes or adjustments made to the True-Up Adjustment after the True-Up Publication Date, including but not limited to changes or adjustments to the data inputs in Black Hills Power's FERC Form No. 1, or as the result of any FERC proceeding to consider the Annual True-Up, or as a result of the procedures set forth herein, resulting in a change to Black Hills Power's True-Up Adjustment, shall be: (1) posted on the Black Hills Power website and OASIS, and, within ten (10) days of such posting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice to Interested Parties of such posting via an email exploder; and (2) paid in full within thirty (30) calendar days of the date that any such change or adjustment to the True-Up Adjustment is posted to Black Hills Power's website and OASIS, or in accordance with any FERC order. Interest on any refund or surcharge shall be calculated in accordance with the procedures

outlined in Section VI.3 of these protocols or as FERC may otherwise order.

2. Any changes or adjustments made to the projected net revenue requirement after the Projected Rate Publication Date, including but not limited to changes to the data inputs, or as the result of any FERC proceeding to consider the projected net revenue requirement, resulting in a change to Black Hills Power's projected net revenue requirement, shall be posted on the Black Hills Power website and OASIS, and, within ten (10) days of such posting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice to Interested Parties of such posting via an email exploder. Any such changes or adjustments to the projected net revenue requirement agreed to by Black Hills Power on or before January 15 following the Projected Rate Publication Date will be reflected in the projected net revenue requirement for that Service Year. Any changes or adjustments made to the projected net revenue requirement after January 15 following the Projected Rate Publication Date, including but not limited to changes or adjustments as a result of any FERC proceeding to consider the projected net revenue requirement, shall be reflected in Black Hills Power's projected net revenue requirement invoices to be delivered no later than thirty (30) days from the date of posting such change or adjustment to Black Hills Power's website and OASIS, or in accordance with any FERC order. Invoices delivered prior to any such changes or adjustments being made shall be re-invoiced to reflect such changes or adjustments. Interest on any refund or surcharge shall be calculated in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section VI.3 of these protocols or as FERC may otherwise order.

ATTACHMENT B

CURRENTLY EFFECTIVE TARIFF SHEET

REFLECTING REVISIONS MADE

PURSUANT TO THIS FILING

ATTACHMENT H

MONTHLY NETWORK TRANSMISSION REVENUE REQUIREMENT FOR TRANSMISSION SERVICE ON THE AC TRANSMISSION SYSTEM

1. The Annual Transmission Cost for Transmission Service on the AC Transmission System is:
 - a. Black Hills Component: Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement as determined pursuant to the formula set forth in this Attachment H
 - b. Basin Electric Component: \$16,482,130
 - c. PRECorp Component: \$2,123,466 ~~1,297,602~~
 - d. Annual Transmission Cost: \$(a + b + c)

The amounts in (a) (b) and (c) shall be effective until amended by the Transmission Provider or until modified by the Commission. Each of Black Hills, Basin Electric and PRECorp ("Party") may unilaterally modify its component of the Annual Transmission Cost pursuant to a filing with the FERC; provided that it must notify the other two Parties in writing not less than thirty (30) days prior to making such filing.

2. The Monthly Network Transmission Revenue Requirement shall be computed each month as follows:

$$x = (y \div 12) - z$$

- x = Monthly Network Transmission Revenue Requirement
y = Annual Transmission Cost (item 1(d))
z = Revenues from all Point-to-Point Transmission Service on the AC Transmission System in the month.

Black Hills Power, Inc.
Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement Formula

Estimate

Service Year: 2009

Cost of Service Utilizing FERC Form 1 Data

Black Hills Power, Inc.

Line No.	(1) RATE BASE:	(2) Form No. 1 Page, Line, Col.	(3) Company Total	(4) Allocator (page 4)	(5) Transmission (Col 3 times Col 4)
GROSS PLANT IN SERVICE					
1	Production	205.46.g	329,718,108	NA	
2	Transmission	207.56.g	70,930,677	TP 0.73987	52,479,764
3	New Construction CUS Assets	See Workpaper 2 (line 9)	17,247,000	TP 0.73987	12,760,607
4	New Construction CUS Assets	See Workpaper 3 (line 19 col D)	2,974,250	TP 0.73987	2,200,570
5	Distribution	207.75.g	239,729,489	NA	
6	General & Intangible	See Workpaper 4 (line 5 col 1)	31,450,235	W/S 0.07016	2,206,407
7	Allocated Plant	See Workpaper 5 (line 5)	5,054,792	W/S 0.07016	354,621
8	Communication System	207.94.g	6,874,999	T&D 0.21360	1,468,503
9	Common	356.1	0	CE 0.00000	0
10	TOTAL GROSS PLANT	(sum lines 1 - 9)	703,979,550	GP= 10.152%	71,470,473
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION					
13	Production	219.20-24.c	159,696,980	NA	
14	Transmission	219.25.c	23,826,360	TPA 0.88176	21,009,226
15	Additional Transmission Depr	See Workpaper 2 (line 48)	2,090,423	TPA 0.88176	1,843,259
16	Distribution	219.26.c	79,001,766	NA	
17	General & Intangible	See Workpaper 4 (line 24 col 1)	15,050,577	W/S 0.07016	1,055,881
18	Allocated Plant	See Workpaper 5 (line 11)	2,073,154	W/S 0.07016	145,443
19	Communication System	See Workpaper 4 (line 22 col 2)	2,136,253	T&D 0.21360	458,305
20	Common	356.1	0	CE 0.00000	0
21	TOTAL ACCUM. DEPRECIATION	(sum lines 13 - 20)	283,875,513		24,510,115
NET PLANT IN SERVICE					
24	Production	(line 1 - line 13)	170,021,128	Auto	
25	Transmission	(line 2 - line 14)	47,104,317	Auto	31,470,537
26	New Construction CUS Assets	(line 3 - line 15)	15,156,577	Auto	10,917,347
27	New Construction CUS Assets	(line 4)	2,974,250	Auto	2,200,570
28	Distribution	(line 5 - line 16)	160,727,723	Auto	
29	General & Intangible	(line 6 - line 17)	16,399,658	Auto	1,150,526
30	Allocated Plant	(line 7 - line 18)	2,981,638	Auto	209,178
31	Communication System	(line 8 - line 19)	4,738,746	Auto	1,012,199
32	Common	(line 9 - line 20)	0	Auto	0
33	TOTAL NET PLANT	(sum lines 24 - 32)	420,104,037	NP= 11.178%	46,960,358
ADJUSTMENTS TO RATE BASE (Note A)					
36	Account No. 281 (enter negative)	273.8.k	(4,343)	NA zero	-
37	Account No. 282 (enter negative)	275.2.k	(68,245,483)	NP 0.11178	(7,628,663)
38	Account No. 283 (enter negative)	277.9.k	(8,788,261)	NP 0.11178	(982,375)
39	Account No. 190	234.8.c	7,258,863	NP 0.11178	811,415
40	Account No. 255 (enter negative)	267.8.h	(307,159)	NP 0.11178	(34,335)
41	FAS 109 Adjustment	(232.1.f - 278.1.f - 278.3.f)*.35	808,475	NP 0.11178	90,150
42	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	(sum lines 36 - 41)	(74,300,000)		(7,743,809)
44	LAND HELD FOR FUTURE USE	214.x.d (Note B)	0	DA 0.00000	0
WORKING CAPITAL (Notes C & H)					
47	CWC	(1/8 * line 63)	2,437,258	Auto	232,223
48	Materials & Supplies	227.5.c	4,668,225	T&D 0.21360	997,135
49	Materials & Supplies	227.8.c	94,372	TP 0.73987	69,823
50	Prepayments (Account 165)	111.57.c	6,173,396	GP 0.10152	626,745
51	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL	(sum lines 47 - 50)	13,373,271		1,925,927
53	TRANSMISSION RATE BASE	(sum lines 33, 42, 44, & 51)			41,142,476

Cost of Service
Utilizing FERC Form 1 Data

Black Hills Power, Inc.

Line No.	(1) Form No. 1 Page, Line, Col.	(2) Company Total	(3)	(4) Allocator (page 4)	(5) Transmission (Col 3 times Col 4)
O&M					
54	Transmission 321.112.b	9,746,087		TP 0.73987	7,210,876
55	Less: Account 565 and 561 321.84-92.b & 96.b	9,091,266		TP 0.73987	6,726,391
56	A&G 323.194.b	19,414,837		W/S 0.07016	1,362,058
57	Less FERC Annual Fees (Note D) 350.1.b	201,513		W/S 0.07016	14,137
58	Plus: Fixed PBOP expense (Note I)	227,200		W/S 0.07016	15,939
59	Less: Actual PBOP expense (Company Records)	224,882		W/S 0.07016	15,777
60	Less: EPRI & Reg. Comm. Exp. & Non-safety Ad. (Note E)	449,068		W/S 0.07016	31,505
61	Plus Trans Related Reg. Comm. Exp. (Note E) (Workpaper 1 line 11)	76,667		TP 0.73987	56,724
62	Common 356.1	0		CE 0.00000	0
63	TOTAL O&M (sum lines 54, 56, 58, 61, 62 less lines 55, 57, 59, 60)	19,498,062			1,857,787
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE (Note I)					
66	Transmission 336.7.b	1,650,459		TP 0.73987	1,221,132
67	New Construction CUS Assets See Workpaper 2 (line 13)	400,130		TP 0.73987	296,046
68	New Construction CUS Assets See Workpaper 3 (line 23)	69,003		TP 0.73987	51,053
69	General & intangible 336.10.b & 336.1.d&e	2,389,067		W/S 0.07016	167,606
70	Common 336.11.b	0		CE 0.00000	0
71	TOTAL DEPRECIATION (Sum lines 66 - 70)	4,508,659			1,735,837
TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAXES (Note F)					
LABOR RELATED					
75	Payroll 263.3i, 263.4i, 263.12i	1,667,209		W/S 0.07016	116,964
76	Highway and vehicle 263.i	0		W/S 0.07016	0
PLANT RELATED					
78	Property 263.23i	4,341,000		GP 0.10152	440,714
79	Gross Receipts 263.i	0		NA zero	0
80	Other 263.i	0		GP 0.10152	0
81	TOTAL OTHER TAXES (sum lines 75 - 80)	6,008,209			557,677
INCOME TAXES (Note G)					
85	$T=1 - \{[(1 - \text{SIT}) * (1 - \text{FIT})] / (1 - \text{SIT} * \text{FIT} * p)\} =$	35.00%			
86	$\text{CIT}=(T/1-T) * (1-(\text{WCLTD}/R)) =$	34.99%			
87	where WCLTD=(line 156) and R=(line 159)				
88	and FIT, SIT & p are as given in footnote G.				
90	Total Income Taxes (line 86 * line 93)				1,363,778
RETURN					
93	[Rate Base (line 53) * R (line 159)]			Auto	3,897,187
95	ESTIMATED REVENUE REQUIREMENT (sum lines 63, 71, 81, 90, 93)	30,014,930			9,412,267

Cost of Service
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Black Hills Power, Inc.

SUPPORTING CALCULATIONS AND NOTES

Line No.		Form 1 Reference			
TRANSMISSION PLANT INCLUDED IN JOINT TARIFF RATES					
96	Total transmission plant	Column (3) sum lines 2 - 4			91,151,927
97	Less transmission plant excluded from Common Use Facilities	Company Records			25,310,952
98	Less transmission plant included in Ancillary Services				0
99	Transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 96 less lines 97 and 98)				65,840,975
100	Plus Common Use AC Facilities (line 110)				6,150,861
101	Total Gross Plant for the CUS System (line 99 plus line 100)				71,991,836
102	Total CUS Plant (line 96 plus line 110)				97,302,788
103					
104	Percentage of transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 101 divided by line 102)			TP=	0.739874
105					
DISTRIBUTION PLANT INCLUDED IN JOINT TARIFF RATES					
106	Total distribution plant	Column (3) line 5			239,729,489
108	Less distribution plant excluded from Common Use Facilities	Company Records			233,578,628
109	Less distribution plant included in Ancillary Services				0
110	Common Use AC Facilities (line 107 less lines 108 & 109)				6,150,861
111					
112	Percentage of distribution plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 107 divided by line 110)			DP=	0.025658
113					
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION					
114	Total Transmission Accumulated Depreciation	Column (3), sum lines 14 - 15			25,916,783
116	Less transmission plant excluded from Common Use Facilities	Company Records			3,428,179
117	Total Transmission Accumulated Depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 115 - line 116)				22,488,604
118	Plus Common Use AC Facilities Accumulated Depreciation (line 127)				3,077,649
119	Total Accumulated Depreciation for the CUS System (line 117 plus line 118)				25,566,253
120	Total CUS Accumulated Depreciation (line 115 plus line 118)				28,994,432
121					
122	Percentage of transmission plant accumulated depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 119 divided by line 120)			TPA=	0.881764
123					
124					
125	Total Distribution Accumulated Depreciation	219.26.c			79,001,766
126	Less distribution accumulated depreciation excluded from Common Use Facilities (Company Records)				75,924,117
127	Common Use AC Facilities (line 125 less line 126)				3,077,649
128					
129	Percentage of distribution plant accumulated depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 127 divided by line 125)			DPA=	0.038957
130					
WAGES & SALARY ALLOCATOR (W&S)					
131					
132		Form 1 Reference	\$	TP	Allocation
133	Transmission	354.21.b	1,171,648	0.74	866,872
134	Total Wages Expense	354.28.b	14,244,451	0.00	0
135	Less: A&G Wages	354.27.b	-1,888,017	0.00	0
136	Adjusted Total (sum lines 134-135)		12,356,434		866,872 WS=
137					0.07016
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION ALLOCATOR (T&D)					
138			\$	%	TP
139	Transmission Net Plant	lines 25, 26 & 27	65,235,144	28.87%	74% 21.36%
140	Distribution Net Plant	line 28	160,727,723	71.13%	
141	Total (sum lines 139 - 140)		225,962,867	100%	T&D =
142					21.36%
RETURN (R)					
143	Long Term Interest	Form 1 Reference			\$
144	Preferred Dividends	117, sum of 62.c through 66.c			11,817,050
145					
146	Development of Common Stock:	Form 1 Reference			
147	Proprietary Capital	112.16.c			232,419,703
148	Less: Preferred Stock	112.3.c			
149	Less: Undistributed Earnings	112.12.c (enter negative)			
150	Less: Accum Other Comp Inc	112.15.c (enter negative)			1,277,097
151	Adjusted Common Stock	(sum lines 149-152)			233,696,800
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156	Long Term Debt	Form 1 Reference	\$	%	Cost
157	Preferred Stock	112.24.c	153,217,473	43.00%	7.71%
158	Adjusted Common Stock	112.3.c	0	0.00%	0.00%
159	Total (sum lines 156-158)	(see above line 153)	233,696,800	57.00% (Note I)	10.80% (Note I)
			386,914,273		R = 9.47%

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- A The balances in Accounts 281, 282, 283 and 190, as adjusted by any amounts in contra accounts identified as regulatory assets or liabilities related to FASB 109. Balance of Account 255 is reduced by prior flow through and excluded if the utility chose to utilize amortization of tax credits against taxable income. Account 281 is not allocated.
- B Identified in Form 1 as being only transmission related.
- C Cash Working Capital assigned to transmission is one-eighth of O&M allocated to transmission at line 47, column 5.
- D The FERC's annual charges for the year assessed the Transmission Owner for service since annual charges assessed directly under this tariff.
- E Line 1 - EPRI Annual Membership Dues listed in Form 1 at 335.1.b, all Regulatory Commission Expenses itemized at 351.1.h, and non-safety related advertising included in Account 930.1.
- F Includes only FICA, unemployment, highway, property, gross receipts, and other assessments charged in the current year. Taxes related to income are excluded. Gross receipts taxes are not included in transmission revenue requirement in rates, since they are recovered elsewhere.
- G The currently effective income tax rate, where FIT is the Federal income tax rate; SIT is the State income tax rate, and $p =$ "the percentage of federal income tax deductible for state income taxes". If the utility is taxed in more than one state it must attach a work paper showing the name of each state and how the blended or composite SIT was developed. Furthermore, a utility that elected to utilize amortization of tax credits against taxable income, rather than book tax credits to Account No. 255 and reduce rate base, must reduce its income tax expense by the amount of the Amortized Investment Tax Credit (Form 1, 266.8.f) multiplied by $(1/1-T)$ (page 7, line 26).
 Inputs Required:

FIT =	35.00%	
SIT =	0.00%	(State Income Tax Rate or Composite SIT)
$p =$	0.00%	(percent of federal income tax deductible for state purposes)
- H See Note H for the True-Up calculation.
- I Depreciation rates, PBOP, ROE, and Capital Structure are fixed amounts that can be changed only through a Section 205 filing.

True Up

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Line No.	(1) RATE BASE:	(2) Form No. 1 Page, Line, Col.	(3) Company Total	(4) Allocator (page 4)	(5) Transmission (Col 3 times Col 4)	
	GROSS PLANT IN SERVICE (Note H)					
1	Production	205.46.g	0	NA		
2	Transmission	207.58.g		TP	0.00000	0
3	Distribution	207.75.g		NA		
4	General & Intangible	See Workpaper 4		WS	0.00000	0
5	Allocated Plant	See Workpaper 5		WS	0.00000	0
6	Communication System	See Workpaper 4		T&D	0.00000	0
7	Common	356.1		CE	0.00000	0
8	TOTAL GROSS PLANT	(sum lines 1 - 7)	<u>0</u>	GP=	<u>0.000%</u>	
9	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION (Note H)					
10	Production	219.20-24.c	0	NA		
11	Transmission	219.25.c		TPA	0.00000	0
12	Distribution	219.26.c		NA		
13	General & Intangible	219.28.c		WS	0.00000	0
14	Allocated Plant	See Workpaper 5		WS	0.00000	0
15	Communication System	See Workpaper 4		T&D	0.00000	0
16	Common	356.1		CE	0.00000	0
17	TOTAL ACCUM. DEPRECIATION	(sum lines 11 - 17)	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
18	NET PLANT IN SERVICE (Note H)					
19	Production	(line 1 - line 11)	0	Auto		
20	Transmission	(line 2 - line 12)	0	Auto	0	
21	Distribution	(line 3 - line 13)	0	Auto		
22	General & Intangible	(line 4 - line 14)	0	Auto	0	
23	Allocated Plant	(line 5 - line 15)	0	Auto	0	
24	Communication System	(line 6 - line 16)	0	Auto	0	
25	Common	(line 7 - line 17)	0	Auto	0	
26	TOTAL NET PLANT	(sum lines 21 - 27)	<u>0</u>	NP=	<u>0.000%</u>	
27	ADJUSTMENTS TO RATE BASE (Notes A & H)					
28	Account No. 281 (enter negative)	273.8.k	0	NA	zero	
29	Account No. 282 (enter negative)	275.2.k		NP	0.00000	-
30	Account No. 283 (enter negative)	277.9.k		NP	0.00000	-
31	Account No. 190	234.8.c		NP	0.00000	-
32	Account No. 255 (enter negative)	267.8.h		NP	0.00000	-
33	FAS 109 Adjustment	(232.1.f - 278.1.f - 278.3.f)*.35		NP	0.00000	-
34	TOTAL ADJUSTMENTS	(sum lines 31 - 36)		<u>0</u>		<u>-</u>
35	LAND HELD FOR FUTURE USE 214.x.d (Notes B & H)					
36			0	DA	0.00000	
37	WORKING CAPITAL (Notes C & H)					
38	CWC	(1/8 * line 58)	0	Auto	0	
39	Materials & Supplies	227.5.c	0	T&D	0.00000	
40	Materials & Supplies	227.8.c		TP	0.00000	0
41	Prepayments (Account 165)	111.57.d		GP	0.00000	0
42	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL	(sum lines 42 - 45)	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>	
43	TRANSMISSION RATE BASE (sum lines 28, 37, 39, & 46)					
44			0		<u>0</u>	

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(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
Line No.	Form No. 1 Page, Line, Col.	Company Total	Allocator (page 4)	Transmission (Col 3 times Col 4)
O&M				
49	Transmission 321.112.b	[REDACTED]	TP	0.00000
50	Less: Account 565 and 561 321.84-92.b & 96.b		TP	0.00000
51	A&G 323.194.b		W/S	0.00000
52	Less FERC Annual Fees (Note D) 350.1.b		W/S	0.00000
53	Plus: Fixed PBOP expense (Note I)		W/S	0.00000
54	Less: Actual PBOP expense (Company Records)		W/S	0.00000
55	Less: EPRI & Reg. Comm. Exp. & Non-safety Ad. (Note E)		W/S	0.00000
56	Plus Transmission Related Reg. Comm. Exp. (Note E)		TP	0.00000
57	Common 356.1		CE	0.00000
58	TOTAL O&M (sum lines 49, 51, 53, 56, 57 less lines 50, 52, 54, 55)		0	
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE (Note I)				
61	Transmission 336.7.b	[REDACTED]	TP	0.00000
62	General & intangible 336.10.b & 336.1.d&e		W/S	0.00000
63	Common 336.11.b		CE	0.00000
64	TOTAL DEPRECIATION (Sum lines 61 - 63)	0		0
TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAXES (Note F)				
LABOR RELATED				
68	Payroll 263.3i, 263.4i, 263.12i	[REDACTED]	W/S	0.00000
69	Highway and vehicle 263.i		W/S	0.00000
PLANT RELATED				
71	Property 263.23i	[REDACTED]	GP	0.00000
72	Gross Receipts 263.i		NA	zero
73	Other 263.i		GP	0.00000
74	TOTAL OTHER TAXES (sum lines 68 - 73)	0		0
INCOME TAXES (Note G)				
78	$T=1 - \frac{((1 - \text{FIT}) * (1 - \text{FIT}))}{(1 - \text{FIT} * \text{FIT} * p)}$	35.00%		
79	$\text{CIT} = (T/1-T) * (1 - (\text{WCLTD}/R))$	53.85%		
where WCLTD=(line 154) and R= (line 157) and FIT, SIT & p are as given in footnote G.				
83	Total Income Taxes (line 79 * line 86)			0
RETURN				
86	[Rate Base (line 48) * R (line 157)]		Auto	0
88	REVENUE REQUIREMENT (sum lines 58, 64, 74, 83, 85)	0		0
90	ESTIMATED REVENUE REQUIREMENT (pg. 3 line 95)			
92	TRUE-UP AMOUNT TO BE (REFUNDED)/PAID (line 88 - line 90)			0

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SUPPORTING CALCULATIONS AND NOTES

Line No.	TRANSMISSION PLANT INCLUDED IN JOINT TARIFF RATES		Form 1 Reference			
93	Total transmission plant		Column (3) line 2		0	
94	Less transmission plant excluded from Common Use Facilities		Company Records			
95	Less transmission plant included in Ancillary Services		Company Records			
96	Transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 93 less lines 94 and 95)				0	
97	Plus Common Use AC Facilities (line 107)				0	
98	Total Gross Plant for the CUS System (line 96 plus line 97)				0	
99	Total CUS Plant (line 93 plus line 107)				0	
100						
101	Percentage of transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 98 divided by line 99)			TP=	0.000000	
102						
103	DISTRIBUTION PLANT INCLUDED IN JOINT TARIFF RATES		Form 1 Reference			
104	Total distribution plant		Column (3) line 3		0	
105	Less distribution plant excluded from Common Use Facilities		Company Records			
106	Less distribution plant included in Ancillary Services		Company Records			
107	Common Use AC Facilities (line 104 less lines 105 & 106)				0	
108						
109	Percentage of distribution plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 104 divided by line 107)			DP=	0.000000	
110						
111	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION		Form 1 Reference			
112	Total Transmission Accumulated Depreciation		Column (3) line 12		0	
113	Less transmission plant excluded from Common Use Facilities		Company Records			
114	Total Transmission Accumulated Depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 112 - line 113)				0	
115	Plus Common Use AC Facilities Accumulated Depreciation (line 124)				0	
116	Total Accumulated Depreciation for the CUS System (line 114 plus line 115)				0	
117	Total CUS Accumulated Depreciation (line 112 plus line 115)				0	
118						
119	Percentage of transmission plant accumulated depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 116 divided by line 117)			TPA=	0.000000	
120						
121			Form 1 Reference			
122	Total Distribution Accumulated Depreciation		Column (3) line 13		0	
123	Less distribution accumulated depreciation excluded from Common Use Facilities (Company Records)					
124	Common Use AC Facilities (line 122 less line 123)				0	
125						
126	Percentage of distribution plant accumulated depreciation included in Common Use Facilities (line 124 divided by line 122)			DPA=	0.000000	
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128	WAGES & SALARY ALLOCATOR (W&S)					
129		Form 1 Reference	\$	TP	Allocation	
130	Transmission	354.21.b		0.00	0	
131	Total Wages Expense	354.28.b		0.00	0	
132	Less: A&G Wages	354.27.b		0.00	0	
133	Adjusted Total (sum lines 131-132)		0		0 WS= 0.00000	
134						
135	TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION ALLOCATOR (T&D)					
136			\$	%	TP	T&D
137	Transmission Net Plant	line 22	0	0.00%	0%	0.00%
138	Distribution Net Plant	line 23	0	0.00%		
139	Total (sum lines 137 - 138)		0	0%		
140						T&D = 0.00%
141	RETURN (R)		Form 1 Reference			\$
142	Long Term Interest	117, sum of 62.c through 66.c				
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144	Preferred Dividends	118.29.c (positive number)				
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146	Development of Common Stock:		Form 1 Reference			
147	Proprietary Capital	112.16.c				
148	Less: Preferred Stock	112.3.c				
149	Less: Undistributed Earnings	112.12.c (enter negative)				
150	Less: Accum Other Comp Inc	112.15.c (enter negative)				
151	Adjusted Common Stock		(sum lines 147-150)			
152						
153		Form 1 Reference	\$	%	Cost	Weighted
154	Long Term Debt	112.24.c		43.00%	0.00%	0.00%
155	Preferred Stock	112.3.c		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
156	Adjusted Common Stock	(see above line 151)	0	57.00% (Note I)	10.80% (Note I)	6.16%
157	Total (sum lines 154-156)		0			R = 6.16%

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- B Identified in Form 1 as being only transmission related.
- C Cash Working Capital assigned to transmission is one-eighth of O&M allocated to transmission at line 42, column 5.
- D The FERC's annual charges for the year assessed the Transmission Owner for service since annual charges assessed directly under this tariff.
- E Line 1 - EPRI Annual Membership Dues listed in Form 1 at 335.b, all Regulatory Commission Expenses itemized at 351.h, and non-safety related advertising included in Account 930.1.
- F Includes only FICA, unemployment, highway, property, gross receipts, and other assessments charged in the current year. Taxes related to income are excluded. Gross receipts taxes are not included in transmission revenue requirement in rates, since they are recovered elsewhere.
- G The currently effective income tax rate, where FIT is the Federal income tax rate; SIT is the State income tax rate, and p = "the percentage of federal income tax deductible for state income taxes". If the utility is taxed in more than one state it must attach a work paper showing the name of each state and how the blended or composite SIT was developed. Furthermore, a utility that elected to utilize amortization of tax credits against taxable income, rather than book tax credits to Account No. 255 and reduce rate base, must reduce its income tax expense by the amount of the Amortized Investment Tax Credit (Form 1, 266.8.f) multiplied by (1/1-T) (page 7, line 26).

Inputs Required:	FIT =	35.00%	
	SIT=	0.00%	(State Income Tax Rate or Composite SIT)
	p =	0.00%	(percent of federal income tax deductible for state purposes)
- H For the True-Up calculation only, Gross Plant, Accumulated Depreciation and Net Plant are based on the 13-monthly plant balances. All other rate base items are based on the average of the beginning of the year and end of year balances.
- I Depreciation rates, PBOP, ROE, and Capital Structure are fixed amounts that can be changed only through a Section 205 filing.

Capital True Up

Line
No.

1 The True-Up Adjustment component of the Formula Rate for each Rate Year beginning with rates effective January 1, 2010 shall be determined as follows:

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3 (i) Beginning with 2009, no later than June 1 of each year, Black Hills Power shall recalculate an adjusted Annual
4 Transmission Revenue Requirement (ATRR) for the previous calendar year based on its actual costs as reflected
5 in its Form No. 1 and its books and records for that calendar year, consistent with FERC
6 accounting policies.

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8 (ii) Black Hills Power shall determine the difference between the recalculated ATRR as determined in paragraph (i)
9 above, and ATRR based on projected costs for the previous calendar year (True-Up Adj before Interest).

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11 (iii) The True-Up Adjustment shall be determined as follows:

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13 True-Up Adjustment equals the True-Up Adjustment before Interest multiplied by $(1+i)^{18}$ months.

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15 Where: i = Sum of (the monthly rates for the 4 months ending April 30 of the current year and
16 the monthly rates for the 12 months ending December 31 of the preceding year)
17 divided by 16 months.

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19 Summary of Formula Rate Process including True-Up Adjustment (Using 2009 as an example)

Month	Year	Action
True-Up Calculation:		
Step 1	May 2010	TO populates the formula with 2009 Actual data and calculates the 2009 True-up Adjustment before interest
Step 2	May 2010	TO compares the revenue received during 2009 to the True-Up calculation done above
Step 3	May 2010	TO calculates the Interest to include in the 2009 True-Up Adjustment
Step 4	July 2010	TO either collects or pays the lump-sum adjustment calculated above
Annual Rate Calculation:		
Step 5	September 2010	TO populates the formula with 2009 Actual data plus known additions placed in service (over \$1,000,000) for 2010 (See WP 2 for an example)
Step 6	September 2010	TO estimates transmission Capital Additions (over \$1,000,000) for 2011 expected to be in service in 2011 (See WP 3 for an example)
Step 7	September 2010	TO adds weighted Capital Adds, Accumulated Depreciation and Depreciation Expense to plant in service in Formula
Step 8	September 2010	Post results of Step 7 on web site
Step 9	October 2010	TO to hold an open meeting for it's customers and representatives to explain the formula rate projections and cost details
Step 10	January 2011	Results of Step 7 go into effect

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Note 1: To the extent possible each input into the Formula Rate used to calculate the actual ATRR included in the True-Up Adjustment either will be taken directly from the FERC Form No. 1 or will be reconcilable to the FERC Form No. 1 by the application of clearly identified and supported information. If the reconciliation is provided through a worksheet included in the filed Formula Rate template, the inputs to the worksheet must meet this transparency standard, and doing so will satisfy this transparency requirement for the amounts that are output from the worksheet and input to the main body of the Formula Rate.

Complete for Each Calendar Year beginning in 2009

A	True-Up Amount (Transmission see pg 7 line 92 and Schedule 1 see pg 18 line 12)
B	Future Value Factor $(1+i)^{18}$
C	True-Up Amount to be (Refunded)/Paid based on 2009 Actual Load (A*B)

Transmission Schedule 1	
	1.00
	1.00
	\$0.00
	\$0.00

Where: i = average interest rate as calculated below

Interest on Amount of Refunds or Surcharges Interest 35.19a for Current Year

Month	Year	Interest 35.19a for Month
January	Year 1	0.0000%
February	Year 1	0.0000%
March	Year 1	0.0000%
April	Year 1	0.0000%
May	Year 1	0.0000%
June	Year 1	0.0000%
July	Year 1	0.0000%
August	Year 1	0.0000%
September	Year 1	0.0000%
October	Year 1	0.0000%
November	Year 1	0.0000%
December	Year 1	0.0000%
January	Year 2	0.0000%
February	Year 2	0.0000%
March	Year 2	0.0000%
April	Year 2	0.0000%
Average Interest Rate		0.0000%

Black Hills Power, Inc.
Formula Rate Protocols

Section I. Applicability

The following procedures shall apply to Black Hills Power, Inc.'s ("Black Hills Power") calculation of its projected net revenue requirement, actual net revenue requirement, and True-Up Adjustment (as that term is defined in Section VI.1 of these protocols) for a calendar year ("Service Year").

Section II. Annual True-Up and Projected Net Revenue Requirement

1. On or before June 1 of each year, Black Hills Power shall determine its actual net revenue requirement and True-Up Adjustment (collectively, "Annual True-Up") for the preceding Service Year in accordance with the Black Hills Power formula rate under Attachment H to the Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff of Black Hills Power, Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Powder River Energy Corporation ("Joint Tariff") and Section VI of these protocols, and shall post its Annual True-Up on the Black Hills Power website and OASIS. Within ten (10) days of such posting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice to Interested Parties (as that term is defined in Section II.6 of these protocols) of such posting via an email exploder list for which Interested Parties may subscribe on the Black Hills Power website.

2. On or before September 30 of each year, Black Hills Power shall determine its projected net revenue requirement for the following Service Year in accordance with the Black Hills Power formula rate under the Joint Tariff, and shall post its projected net revenue requirement on the Black Hills Power website and OASIS. Within ten (10) days of posting the projected net revenue requirement, Black Hills Power shall provide notice to Interested Parties of such posting to an email exploder list for which Interested Parties may subscribe on the Black Hills Power website.

3. If the date for posting the Annual True-Up or the projected net revenue requirement falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“FERC”), then the posting shall be due on the next business day. The dates on which posting of the Annual True-Up and the projected net revenue requirement occur shall be that year’s “True-Up Publication Date” and “Projected Rate Publication Date,” respectively. Any delay in the True-Up Publication Date or Projected Rate Publication Date will result in an equivalent extension of time for the submission of information and document requests discussed in Section III of these protocols.

4. The Annual True-Up shall:

- A. Include a workable data-populated formula rate template and underlying workpapers in native format with all formulas and links intact;
- B. Be based on Black Hills Power’s FERC Form No. 1 for the prior calendar year;
- C. Provide the formula rate calculations and all inputs thereto, as well as supporting documentation and workpapers for data that are used in the Annual True-Up that are not otherwise available in FERC Form No. 1;
- D. Provide sufficient information to enable Interested Parties to replicate the calculation of the Annual True-Up results from FERC Form No. 1;
- E. Identify any changes in the formula references (page and line numbers) to FERC Form No. 1;
- F. Identify all material adjustments made to the FERC Form No. 1 data in determining formula inputs, including relevant footnotes to FERC Form No. 1 and any

adjustments not shown in FERC Form No. 1;

G. Provide underlying data for formula rate inputs that provide greater granularity than is required for FERC Form No. 1;

H. With respect to any change in accounting that affects inputs to the formula rate or the resulting charges billed under the formula rate (“Accounting Change”):

a. Identify any Accounting Changes, including:

i. the initial implementation of an accounting standard or policy,

ii. the initial implementation of accounting practices for unusual or unconventional items where FERC has not provided specific accounting direction,

iii. correction of errors and prior period adjustments that impact the True-Up Adjustment calculation,

iv. the implementation of new estimation methods or policies that change prior estimates, and

v. changes to income tax elections;

b. Identify items included in the Annual True-Up at an amount other than on a historic cost basis (*e.g.*, fair value adjustments);

c. Identify any reorganization or merger transaction during the previous year and explain the effect of the accounting for such transaction(s) on inputs to the

Annual True-Up; and

- d. Provide, for each item identified pursuant to Sections II.4.H.a - II.4.H.c of these protocols, a narrative explanation of the individual impact of such changes on the True-Up Adjustment.
5. The projected net revenue requirement shall:
- A. Include a workable data-populated formula rate template and underlying workpapers in native format with all formulas and links intact;
 - B. Be based on Black Hills Power's most recent FERC Form No. 1;
 - C. Provide the formula rate calculations and all inputs thereto, as well as supporting documentation and workpapers for data that are used in the projected net revenue requirement that are not otherwise available in FERC Form No. 1;
 - D. Provide sufficient information to enable Interested Parties to replicate the calculation of the projected net revenue requirement;
 - E. With respect to any Accounting Change:
 - a. Identify any Accounting Changes, including:
 - i. the initial implementation of an accounting standard or policy;
 - ii. the initial implementation of accounting practices for unusual or unconventional items where FERC has not provided specific accounting direction;

- iii. correction of errors and prior period adjustments that impact the projected net revenue requirement calculation;
- iv. the implementation of new estimation methods or policies that change prior estimates; and
- v. changes to income tax elections;

- b. Identify items included in the projected net revenue requirement at an amount other than on a historic cost basis (*e.g.*, fair value adjustments);
- c. Identify any reorganization or merger transaction during the previous year and explain the effect of the accounting for such transaction(s) on inputs to the projected net revenue requirement; and
- d. Provide, for each item identified pursuant to Sections II.5.D.a - II.5.D.c of these protocols, a narrative explanation of the individual impact of such changes on the projected net revenue requirement.

6. Black Hills Power shall hold an open meeting among Interested Parties between the True-Up Publication Date and July 1 each year ("Annual True-Up Meeting"). No less than seven (7) days prior to such Annual True-Up Meeting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice on its website and OASIS of the time, date, and location of the Annual True-Up Meeting, and shall provide notice of such meeting via an email exploder list. For purposes of these procedures, the term Interested Party includes, but is not limited to, customers under the Joint Tariff, state utility regulatory commissions, consumer advocacy agencies, and state attorneys general. The Annual True-Up Meeting shall: (i) permit Black Hills Power to explain and clarify its Annual True-Up;

and (ii) provide Interested Parties an opportunity to seek information and clarifications from Black Hills Power about the Annual True-Up. Black Hills Power shall provide remote access to Annual True-Up Meetings to allow all Interested Parties the opportunity to remotely participate in such meetings.

7. Black Hills Power shall hold an open meeting among Interested Parties between the Projected Rate Publication Date and October 30 each year (“Annual Projected Rate Meeting”). No less than seven (7) days prior to such Annual Projected Rate Meeting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice on its website and OASIS of the time, date, and location of the Annual Projected Rate Meeting, and shall provide notice of such meeting via an email exploder list. The Annual Projected Rate Meeting shall: (i) permit Black Hills Power to explain and clarify its projected net revenue requirement; and (ii) provide Interested Parties an opportunity to seek information and clarifications from Black Hills Power about the projected net revenue requirement. Black Hills Power shall provide remote access to Annual Projected Rate Meetings to allow all Interested Parties the opportunity to remotely participate in such meetings.

8. In the event that Black Hills Power utilizes a regional cost sharing mechanism with other transmission owners for the recovery of transmission project costs under Black Hills Power’s formula rate contained in this Attachment H of the Joint Tariff, Black Hills Power shall endeavor to coordinate with other transmission owners utilizing the same regional cost sharing mechanism to hold an annual joint informational meeting among those transmission owners and Interested Parties to enable all Interested Parties the opportunity to understand how those transmission owners are implementing their formula rates for recovering the costs of such projects. No less than seven (7) days prior to such joint informational meetings, Black Hills Power shall provide notice on its website and OASIS of the time, date, and location of the joint informational

meeting, and shall provide notice of such meeting via an email exploder list. Black Hills Power shall provide remote access to joint informational meetings to allow all Interested Parties the opportunity to remotely participate in such meetings.

Section III. Information Exchange Procedures

Each Annual True-Up and projected net revenue requirement shall be subject to the following information exchange procedures (“Information Exchange Procedures”):

1. Interested Parties shall have until August 1 following the True-Up Publication Date (unless such period is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power or by FERC order) to serve reasonable information and document requests on Black Hills Power (“True-Up Information Exchange Period”). If August 1 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, the deadline for submitting all information and document requests for the True-Up Information Exchange Period shall be extended to the next business day. Such information and document requests shall be limited to what is necessary to determine:

- A. the extent or effect of an Accounting Change;
- B. whether the Annual True-Up fails to include data properly recorded in accordance with these protocols;
- C. the proper application of the formula rate and procedures in these protocols;
- D. the accuracy of data and consistency with the formula rate of the calculations shown in the Annual True-Up;
- E. the prudence of actual costs and expenditures, including utilized procurement methods and cost control methodologies;

- F. the effect of any change to the underlying Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1; or
- G. any other information that may reasonably have substantive effect on the calculation of the charge pursuant to the formula rate.

The information and document requests shall not otherwise be directed to ascertaining whether the formula rate is just and reasonable.

2. Interested Parties shall have until November 30 following the Projected Rate Publication Date (unless such period is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power or by FERC order) to serve reasonable information and document requests on Black Hills Power ("Projected Rate Information Exchange Period"). If November 30 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, the deadline for submitting all information and document requests for the Projected Rate Information Exchange Period shall be extended to the next business day. Such information and document requests shall be limited to what is necessary to determine:

- A. the extent or effect of an Accounting Change;
- B. whether the projected net revenue requirement fails to include data properly recorded in accordance with these protocols;
- C. the proper application of the formula rate and procedures in these protocols;
- D. the accuracy of data and consistency with the formula rate of the calculations shown in the projected net revenue requirement;
- E. the prudence of projected costs and expenditures, including utilized procurement methods and cost control methodologies;

F. the effect of any change to the underlying Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1; or

G. any other information that may reasonably have substantive effect on the calculation of the charge pursuant to the formula rate.

The information and document requests shall not otherwise be directed to ascertaining whether the formula rate is just and reasonable.

3. Black Hills Power shall make a good faith effort to respond to information and document requests within fifteen (15) business days of receipt of such requests. Black Hills Power shall respond to all information and document requests submitted during the True-Up Information Exchange Period by no later than September 1 following the True-Up Publication Date, unless the True-Up Information Exchange Period is extended by Black Hills Power or FERC. Further, Black Hills Power shall respond to all information and document requests submitted during the Projected Rate Information Exchange Period by no later than December 31 following the Projected Rate Publication Date, unless the Projected Rate Information Exchange Period is extended by Black Hills Power or FERC.

4. Black Hills Power will post on its website and OASIS all information and document requests from Interested Parties and Black Hills Power's response(s) to such requests; except, however, if responses to information and document requests include material deemed by Black Hills Power to be privileged and/or confidential, such information will not be publicly posted but confidential information will be made available to requesting parties provided that a confidentiality agreement is executed by Black Hills Power and the requesting party.

5. Black Hills Power shall not claim that responses to information and document requests provided pursuant to these protocols are subject to any settlement privilege, in any subsequent

FERC proceeding addressing Black Hills Power's Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement.

Section IV: Challenge Procedures

1. Interested Parties shall have until September 15 following the True-Up Publication Date (unless such period is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power or by FERC order) to review the inputs, supporting explanations, allocations and calculations and to notify Black Hills Power in writing, which may be made electronically, of any specific Informal Challenges to the Annual True-Up. The period of time from the True-Up Publication Date until September 15 shall be referred to as the "True-Up Review Period." If September 15 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, the deadline for submitting all Informal Challenges regarding the Annual True-Up shall be extended to the next business day.
2. Interested Parties shall have until January 15 following the Projected Rate Publication Date (unless such period is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power or by FERC order) to review the inputs, supporting explanations, allocations and calculations and to notify Black Hills Power in writing, which may be made electronically, of any specific Informal Challenges to the projected net revenue requirement. The period of time from the Projected Rate Publication Date until January 15 shall be referred to as the "Projected Rate Review Period." If January 15 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, the deadline for submitting all Informal Challenges regarding the projected net revenue requirement shall be extended to the next business day.
3. Failure to pursue an issue through an Informal Challenge or to lodge a Formal Challenge within the timelines provided in these protocols regarding any issue as to a given Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement shall bar pursuit of such issue with respect to that

Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement under the challenge procedures set forth in these protocols, but shall not bar pursuit of such issue or the lodging of a Formal Challenge as to such issue as it relates to a subsequent Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement. This Section IV.3 in no way shall affect a party's rights under Section 206 of the Federal Power Act as set forth in Section IV.10 of these protocols.

4. A party submitting an Informal Challenge to Black Hills Power must specify the inputs, supporting explanations, allocations, calculations, or other information to which it objects, and provide an appropriate explanation and documents to support its challenge. Black Hills Power shall make a good faith effort to respond to any Informal Challenge within twenty (20) business days of notification of such challenge. Black Hills Power shall appoint a senior representative to work with the party (or its representative) submitting the Informal Challenge toward a resolution of the dispute, and, where deemed necessary, may request the appointment of a FERC Administrative Law Judge that is mutually acceptable to the challenging party to facilitate discussions to attempt to resolve the dispute. If Black Hills Power disagrees with such challenge, Black Hills Power will provide the Interested Party(ies) with an explanation supporting the inputs, supporting explanations, allocations, calculations, or other information. No Informal Challenge of the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement may be submitted after September 15 and January 15, respectively, following the True-Up Publication Date and Projected Rate Publication Date, unless September 15 or January 15 falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, in which case the deadline for submitting all Informal Challenges shall be extended to the next business day. Black Hills Power must respond to: (1) all Informal Challenges of the Annual True-Up by no later than October 15 following the True-Up Publication Date, unless the True-Up Review Period is extended by Black Hills Power

or FERC; and (2) all Informal Challenges of the projected net revenue requirement by February 15 following the Projected Rate Publication Date, unless the Projected Rate Review Period is extended by Black Hills Power or FERC.

5. Informal Challenges shall be subject to the resolution procedures and limitations in this Section IV. Formal Challenges shall be filed pursuant to these protocols and shall satisfy all of the following requirements:

A. A Formal Challenge shall:

- a. Clearly identify the action or inaction which is alleged to violate the formula rate or protocols;
- b. Explain how the action or inaction violates the formula rate or protocols;
- c. Set forth the business, commercial, economic or other issues presented by the action or inaction as such relate to or affect the party filing the Formal Challenge, including:
 - i. The extent or effect of an Accounting Change;
 - ii. Whether the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement fails to include data properly recorded in accordance with these protocols;
 - iii. The proper application of the formula rate and procedures in these protocols;
 - iv. The accuracy of data and consistency with the formula rate of the

charges shown in the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement;

v. The prudence of actual or projected costs and expenditures;

vi. The effect of any change to the underlying Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1; or

vii. Any other information that may reasonably have substantive effect on the calculation of the charge pursuant to the formula rate.

d. Make a good faith effort to quantify the financial impact or burden (if any) created for the party filing the Formal Challenge as a result of the action or inaction;

e. State whether the issues presented are pending in an existing FERC proceeding or a proceeding in any other forum in which the filing party is a party, and if so, provide an explanation why timely resolution cannot be achieved in that forum;

f. State the specific relief or remedy requested, including any request for stay or extension of time, and the basis for that relief;

g. Include all documents that support the facts in the Formal Challenge in possession of, or otherwise attainable by, the filing party, including, but not limited to, contracts and affidavits; and

h. State whether the filing party utilized the Informal Challenge procedures

described these protocols to dispute the action or inaction raised by the Formal Challenge, and, if not, describe why not.

B. Service. Any person filing a Formal Challenge must serve a copy of the Formal Challenge on Black Hills Power. Service to Black Hills Power must be simultaneous with filing at FERC. Simultaneous service can be accomplished by electronic mail in accordance with Section 385.2010(f)(3) of FERC's Rules of Practice and Procedure, facsimile, express delivery, or messenger. 18 C.F.R. § 385.2010(f)(3). The party filing the Formal Challenge shall serve the individual listed as the contact person on Black Hills Power's Informational Filing required under Section V of these protocols.

6. Informal and Formal Challenges shall be limited to all issues that may be necessary to determine: (1) the extent or effect of an Accounting Change; (2) whether the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement fails to include data properly recorded in accordance with these protocols; (3) the proper application of the formula rate and procedures in these protocols; (4) the accuracy of data and consistency with the formula rate of the calculations shown in the Annual True-Up and projected net revenue requirement; (5) the prudence of actual or projected costs and expenditures; (6) the effect of any change to the underlying Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1; or (7) any other information that may reasonably have substantive effect on the calculation of the charge pursuant to the formula rate.

7. Black Hills Power will post on its website and OASIS all Informal Challenges from Interested Parties and Black Hills Power's response(s) to such Informal Challenges; except, however, if Informal Challenges or responses to Informal Challenges include material deemed by Black Hills Power to be privileged and/or confidential, such information will not be publicly

posted but confidential information will be made available to requesting parties provided that a confidentiality agreement is executed by Black Hills Power and the requesting party.

8. An Interested Party shall have until April 1 following the True-Up Review Period and Projected Rate Review Period (unless such date is extended with the written consent of Black Hills Power to continue efforts to resolve the Informal Challenge) to make a Formal Challenge with FERC, which shall be served on Black Hills Power on the date of such filing as specified in Section IV.5.B of these protocols. A Formal Challenge shall be filed in the same docket as Black Hills Power's Informational Filing discussed in Section V of these protocols. Black Hills Power shall respond to the Formal Challenge by the deadline established by FERC. A party may not pursue a Formal Challenge if that party did not submit an Informal Challenge during the applicable True-Up Review Period or Projected Rate Review Period.

9. In any proceeding initiated by FERC concerning the Annual True-Up or projected net revenue requirement or in response to a Formal Challenge, Black Hills Power shall bear the burden, consistent with Section 205 of the Federal Power Act, of proving that it has correctly applied the terms of the formula rate consistent with these protocols, and that it followed the applicable requirements and procedures in Attachment H of the Joint Tariff and these protocols. Nothing herein is intended to alter the burdens applied by FERC with respect to prudence challenges.

10. Except as specifically provided herein, nothing herein shall be deemed to limit in any way the right of Black Hills Power to file unilaterally, pursuant to Federal Power Act Section 205 and the regulations thereunder, to change the formula rate or any of its inputs (including, but not limited to, rate of return and transmission incentive rate treatment), or to replace the formula rate with a stated rate, or the right of any other party to request such changes pursuant to Section

206 of the Federal Power Act and the regulations thereunder.

11. No party shall seek to modify the formula rate under the Challenge Procedures set forth in these protocols, and the Annual True-Up and projected net revenue requirement shall not be subject to challenge by anyone for the purpose of modifying the formula rate. Any modifications to the formula rate will require, as applicable, a Federal Power Act Section 205 or Section 206 filing.

12. Any Interested Party seeking changes to the application of the formula rate due to a change in the Uniform System of Accounts or FERC Form No. 1, shall first raise the matter with Black Hills Power in accordance with this Section IV before pursuing a Formal Challenge.

Section V. Informational Filings

1. By March 1 of each year, Black Hills Power shall submit to FERC an informational filing ("Informational Filing") of its projected net revenue requirement and Annual True-Up in connection with the postings performed in accordance with Section II of these protocols during the prior year. This Informational Filing must include the information that is reasonably necessary to determine: (1) that input data under the formula rate are properly recorded in any underlying workpapers; (2) that Black Hills Power has properly applied the formula rate and these procedures; (3) the accuracy of data and the consistency with the formula rate of the net revenue requirement and rates under review; (4) the extent of accounting changes that affect formula rate inputs; and (5) the reasonableness of projected costs. The Informational Filing shall include the formula rate template and underlying workpapers in native format fully populated and with formulas intact. The Informational Filing also must describe any corrections or adjustments made during that period, and must describe all aspects of the formula rate or its inputs that are the subject of an ongoing dispute under the Informal or Formal Challenge

procedures. Within five (5) days of such Informational Filing, Black Hills Power shall provide notice of the Informational Filing via an email exploder list and by posting the docket number assigned to Black Hills Power's Informational Filing on its website and OASIS.

2. Any challenges to the implementation of the Black Hills Power formula rate under Attachment H of the Joint Tariff must be made through the Challenge Procedures described in Section IV of these protocols or in a separate complaint proceeding, and not in response to the Informational Filing.

Section VI. Calculation of True-Up Adjustment

The True-Up Adjustment will be determined in the following manner:

1. The projected net revenue requirement on the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement Formula Estimate template, line 95, column 5 of Attachment H for the Service Year will be compared to the True-Up net revenue requirement for the same Service Year (Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement True Up template, line 88, column 5 of Attachment H of the Joint Tariff) calculated in accordance with Attachment H of the Joint Tariff using Black Hills Power's FERC Form No. 1 for the same Service Year to determine any over or under recovery. The sum of the excess or shortfall due to the actual versus projected net revenue requirement shall constitute the "True-Up Adjustment" amount. The True-Up Adjustment and related calculations shall be posted to Black Hills Power's website and OASIS no later than June 1 (or if that day falls on a weekend or a holiday recognized by FERC, then the posting shall be due on the next business day) following the issuance of the FERC Form No. 1 for the previous year, as set forth in Section II of these protocols.

2. The True-Up Adjustment amount to be refunded or paid, as calculated on line 47 of the Annual Transmission Revenue Requirement Capital True Up in Attachment H of the Joint Tariff,

shall be paid in full in July of each year. The amount on any over or under recovery shall be allocated to the customers based on actual billing determinants for the preceding year.

3. Interest on any over recovery of the net revenue requirement shall be determined based on Section 35.19a of FERC's regulations. 18 C.F.R. § 35.19a. Interest on any under recovery of the net revenue requirement shall be determined using the interest rate equal to Black Hills Power's actual short-term debt costs capped at the applicable FERC refund interest rate. In either case, the interest payable shall be calculated using an average interest rate for the sixteen (16) months during which the over or under recovery in the net revenue requirement exists (*i.e.*, January of the year prior through April of the year in which the true-up occurs). That interest rate will be applied, with quarterly compounding, to the principal amount (*i.e.*, the over or under recovery in the net revenue requirement) for the eighteen (18) months during which that over or under recovery exists.

Section VII. Changes to True-Up Adjustment or Projected Net Revenue Requirement

1. Any changes or adjustments made to the True-Up Adjustment after the True-Up Publication Date, including but not limited to changes or adjustments to the data inputs in Black Hills Power's FERC Form No. 1, or as the result of any FERC proceeding to consider the Annual True-Up, or as a result of the procedures set forth herein, resulting in a change to Black Hills Power's True-Up Adjustment, shall be: (1) posted on the Black Hills Power website and OASIS, and, within ten (10) days of such posting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice to Interested Parties of such posting via an email exploder; and (2) paid in full within thirty (30) calendar days of the date that any such change or adjustment to the True-Up Adjustment is posted to Black Hills Power's website and OASIS, or in accordance with any FERC order. Interest on any refund or surcharge shall be calculated in accordance with the procedures

outlined in Section VI.3 of these protocols or as FERC may otherwise order.

2. Any changes or adjustments made to the projected net revenue requirement after the Projected Rate Publication Date, including but not limited to changes to the data inputs, or as the result of any FERC proceeding to consider the projected net revenue requirement, resulting in a change to Black Hills Power's projected net revenue requirement, shall be posted on the Black Hills Power website and OASIS, and, within ten (10) days of such posting, Black Hills Power shall provide notice to Interested Parties of such posting via an email exploder. Any such changes or adjustments to the projected net revenue requirement agreed to by Black Hills Power on or before January 15 following the Projected Rate Publication Date will be reflected in the projected net revenue requirement for that Service Year. Any changes or adjustments made to the projected net revenue requirement after January 15 following the Projected Rate Publication Date, including but not limited to changes or adjustments as a result of any FERC proceeding to consider the projected net revenue requirement, shall be reflected in Black Hills Power's projected net revenue requirement invoices to be delivered no later than thirty (30) days from the date of posting such change or adjustment to Black Hills Power's website and OASIS, or in accordance with any FERC order. Invoices delivered prior to any such changes or adjustments being made shall be re-invoiced to reflect such changes or adjustments. Interest on any refund or surcharge shall be calculated in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section VI.3 of these protocols or as FERC may otherwise order.

ATTACHMENT C

**PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY OF
MICHAEL E. EASLEY**

**AND ATTESTATION PURSUANT TO
18 C.F.R. §35.13(D)(6)**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
BEFORE THE
FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.) DOCKET NO. ER17-_____

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POWDER RIVER ENERGY CORPORATION) DOCKET NO. ER17-_____

DIRECT TESTIMONY OF MICHAEL E. EASLEY

1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 Q. Please state your name, business address, and position.

3 A. My name is Michael E. Easley and my business address is Powder River Energy
4 Corporation, P.O. Box 930, Sundance, WY 82729.

5 Q. What is your present occupation?

6 A. I am employed as Chief Executive Officer of Powder River Energy Corporation
7 ("PRECorp" or "the Cooperative").

8 Q. What are your duties as Chief Executive Officer of Powder River Energy
9 Corporation?

10 A. My duties are to supervise the operations of the Cooperative; to make
11 recommendations to the Board of Directors with respect to strategy, policy and to
12 administer the policies adopted by the Board of Directors; to provide both short-
13 term and long range plans for the operation, construction, and financing of the
14 Cooperative; to maintain an adequate and suitable work force; and to keep the
15 Board informed in all aspects of the management of the Cooperative.

1 **Q. Please describe your educational background.**

2 **A.** I have a BS degree in Electrical Engineering from Oklahoma State University and I am a
3 graduate of the Ken Blanchard Executive MBA program at Grand Canyon University. I
4 am also a graduate of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Management
5 Internship Program at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. I have held various positions
6 of increasing responsibility in the cooperative utility industry and have been the CEO of
7 PRECorp since October of 2000.

8 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY AND BACKGROUND**

9 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

10 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to provide an overview of the new transmission facilities,
11 the need for the new transmission facilities in PRECorp's net electric plant in service, and
12 provide an overview of the debt structure of PRECorp as a rural electric cooperative.

13 **II. OVERVIEW OF PRECORP TRANSMISSION FACILITIES**

14 **Q. Please describe PRECorp transmission facilities.**

15 **A.** PRECorp, along with Black Hills Corporation and Basin Electric Cooperative, owns 65
16 miles of interstate transmission lines and seven 230 kV substations throughout Northeast
17 Wyoming.

18 **Q. What facilities has PRECorp built since the Joint Tariff revision of 2005 was**
19 **approved?**

20 **A.** In addition to the above mentioned facilities, PRECorp has constructed new facilities,
21 namely the Bill Durfee Substation and a new Teckla Substation Terminal associated with
22 Black Hills Corporation's new Teckla/Osage/Lange 230kV Transmission Line.

23 **Q. Please describe the need for the Bill Durfee Substation.**

1 A. The Bill Durfee Substation facility was built and placed in service on March 31, 2016, to
2 address an aged and stressed 1957 Osage/Sundance 69KV line that was the primary
3 service for the Sundance, WY area. With the new projected loads for the Sundance area,
4 the existing Osage/Sundance 69 kV line was not expected to maintain adequate voltage.
5 To provide the capacity needed and address power reliability concerns, a new 230/69KV
6 substation was deemed the best alternative to address future power requirements.

7 **Q. Please describe the need for the Teckla Substation Terminal Inter-Connect.**

8 A. The new Teckla Substation Terminal was built and placed in service on January 22, 2016,
9 to support Black Hills Power's request to interconnect a new 230 kV line which
10 originated at PRECorp's Teckla Substation, south of Wright, WY and terminates at Black
11 Hill's Lange Substation in Rapid City, SD. You will find attached a fact sheet, developed
12 by Black Hills, outlining the need for this project, the benefits, and route. PRECorp's
13 portion of that project included the addition of fourth 230 kV terminal at the Teckla
14 Substation.

15 **III. OVERVIEW OF PRECORP CAPITAL FINANCING STRUCTURE**

16 **Q. Please describe PRECorp's capital financing structure.**

17 A. As a rural non-profit electric cooperative, PRECorp receives capital from two main
18 sources: the consumer-owners and debt financing from the Rural Utility Service
19 ("RUS").

20 Each of the 12,236 residential and industrial consumers served by PRECorp are
21 members. The cooperative accounts on a patronage basis all amounts received in excess
22 of operating costs and expenses to each member. All amounts in excess of operating

1 costs and expenses are received with the understanding that they are furnished by the
2 members as capital.

3 The federal government, through the Rural Utility Service (RUS) and the Federal
4 Financing Bank, is PRECorp's source of borrowing for capital expenditures. Because of
5 PRECorp's status as a federal borrower, PRECorp does not issue common or preferred
6 stock or bonds. Nor does PRECorp enter the public or private markets for debt.

7 **Q. Does this complete your direct testimony?**

8 **A.** Yes, it does.

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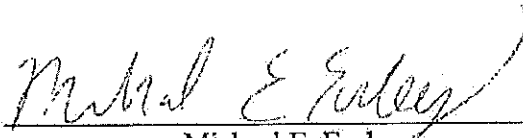
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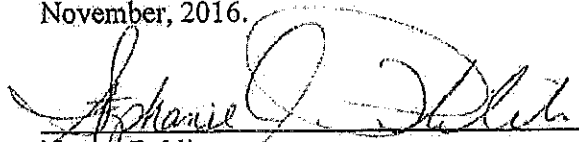
ATTESTATION

Michael E. Easley, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Michael E Easley referred to in the document entitled "Direct Testimony of Michael E. Easley," and that the statements set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief in this proceeding. I further testify that the documents relied upon by Alan C. Heintz in this proceeding were true and correct business records of PRECorp that were, and have been, maintained in the regular course of business.



Michael E. Easley

Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned notary public, this 29th day of November, 2016.

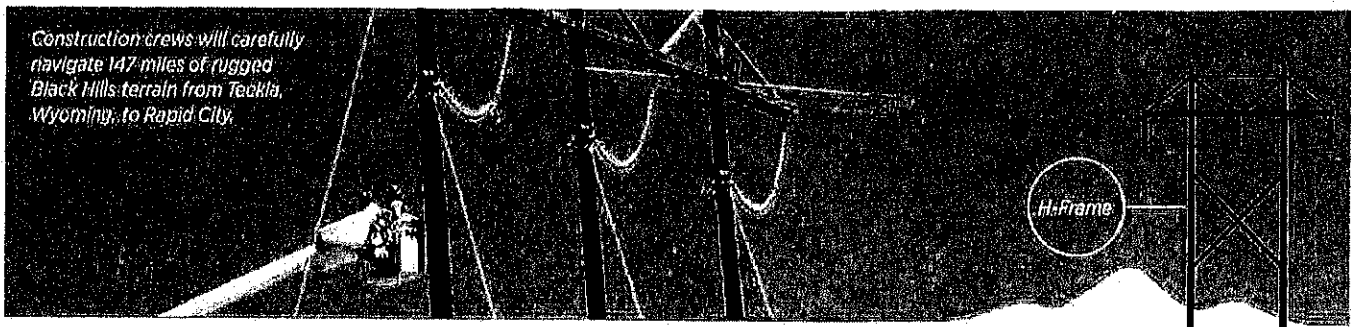


Notary Public

My Commission Expires: June 2, 2020



Construction crews will carefully navigate 147 miles of rugged Black Hills terrain from Teckla, Wyoming, to Rapid City.



TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT

FACT SHEET



The need

The transmission line is required to meet a growing demand for energy in the region to maintain industry-leading reliability for our customers. Keeping the energy grid running constantly takes careful planning, maintenance and investments in upgrades or new infrastructure. We

must anticipate customer needs well in advance. We can't wait for a system to fail before initiating a process that can take years to complete. With energy use fast approaching the limits of the existing system, the transmission line is critical to our customers.

The benefits

- ✔ Energy you can count on
- ✔ Stronger energy grid
- ✔ Infrastructure able to efficiently deliver alternative sources of energy
- ✔ Ability to meet continuing increases in the demand for energy
- ✔ Promote economic development in the region; reliable energy is one of the first resources a new or expanding business looks for

The route

The final route is based on valuable input from landowners, customers and multiple state and federal agencies. In determining the route, we considered land use, the environment, cultural and historical significance, and cost. This route ensures the best path to safe, reliable and efficient energy for all.

- ✔ The route is approximately 147-miles long, from the Teckla Substation, about 30 miles south of Wright, Wyoming, to Rapid City.
- ✔ The route requires a right-of-way that is approximately 125-feet wide.
- ✔ Once the route was determined, we began negotiating rights-of-way on private lands. We followed legal and regulatory guidelines and worked directly with landowners along the route. We also obtained all of the necessary permits and approvals from local, state and federal entities.

Keeping you informed

- ✔ We held seven public meetings in Rapid City and Newcastle, Wyoming.
- ✔ We mailed detailed information packets to 1,250 landowners.

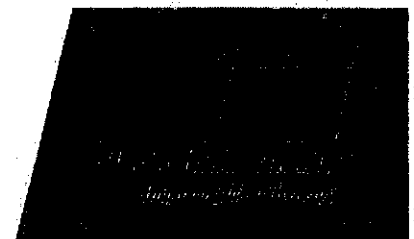
Structures

- ✔ Support structures along the 147-mile line are primarily wood H-frame in design. They average 65 to 75-feet in height and are typically about 900 feet apart.

Construction Schedule

- ✔ March 2016 - Contracts awarded for timber clearing and line construction. We worked with Black Hills National Forest on the Special Use Permit to authorize all construction activities.
- ✔ July 2016 - Construction started on line from South Dakota state line to Rapid City.
- ✔ September 2016 - Begin construction of line from Osage, Wyoming, to South Dakota state line.
- ✔ year-end 2016 - Completion of line from Teckla to Osage, Wyoming.
- ✔ Q2-2017 - Planned completion and energization of line from Osage to Rapid City.

→ Follow this project's progress at: www.blackhillsevenery.com/230kv

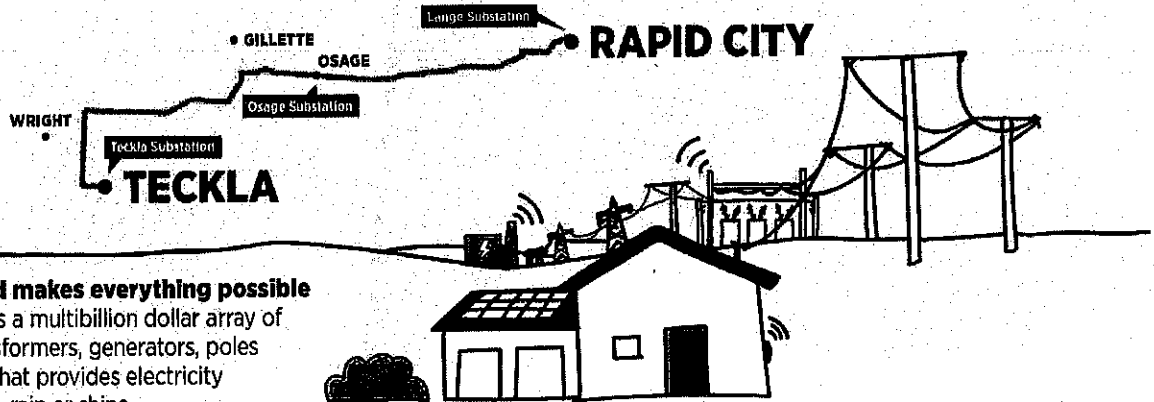


Length of Transmission Project - 147 Miles

Teckla to Osage - 82 miles

Osage to SD State Line - 19 miles

SD State Line to Lange Substation - 46 miles



► The energy grid makes everything possible

The energy grid is a multibillion dollar array of power lines, transformers, generators, poles and substations that provides electricity when you need it, rain or shine, 24-hours a day. The grid is essential to our lives. Without it, there would be no stop lights, street lamps or ATMs. No televisions, refrigerators, mobile phones or computers. The grid is the nerve center of our economy and our national security.

What is a transmission line?

The transmission line moves energy from a generating site, such as a power plant, to an electrical substation. This is distinct from local or distribution lines between

substations and customers. The combined transmission and distribution network is known as the "energy grid" in North America.

Safety along the line

Our first priority is always public safety, employee safety and contractor safety. Our crews are fully trained and equipped to work safely in rough terrain. We take a proactive approach, with daily safety meetings, careful monitoring and sharing safety tips with customers. In July, we provided safety information directly to landowners along the line.



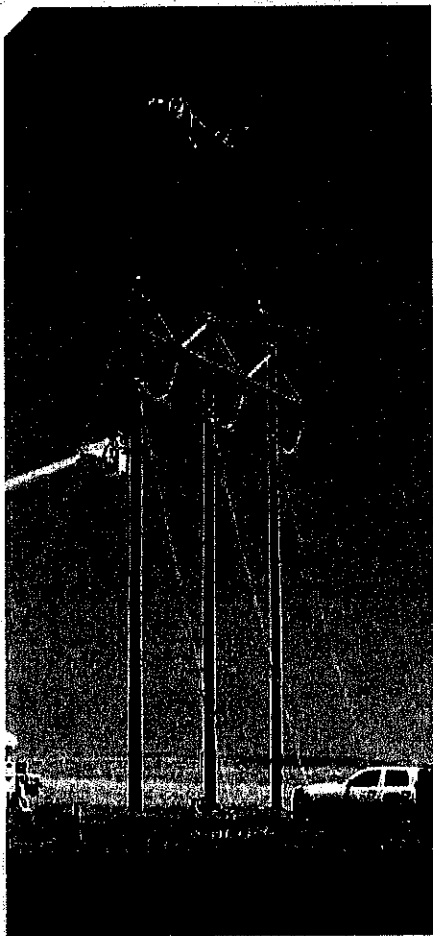
We're here for you

With more than 270 employees and five customer service locations, Black Hills Energy serves 70,000 customers in 32 communities in western South Dakota and parts of Wyoming and Montana.

indoors, heat water for bathing and cleaning, and keep cooktops cooking. Our energy is yours, to promote new growth and a vibrant community.

Our energy is yours at the flip of a switch to charge cellphones, power entertainment systems and turn darkness into light. We're always here, working to keep you comfortable

For more information, including how our employees improve life through their volunteer efforts and other contributions, please visit www.blackhillsenergy.com.



ATTACHMENT D

PREPARED DIRECT TESTIMONY AND EXHIBITS

OF

ALAN C. HEINTZ

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
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DIRECT TESTIMONY OF ALAN C. HEINTZ

1 I. INTRODUCTION

2 Q. Please state your name, business address, and position.

3 A. My name is Alan C. Heintz. My business address is Brown, Williams, Moorhead &
4 Quinn, Inc. ("BWMQ"), 1155 Fifteenth Street, NW, Suite 1004, Washington, DC 20005.
5 I am a Vice President of BWMQ.

6 Q. On whose behalf are you testifying?

7 A. I am testifying on behalf of Powder River Energy Corporation ("PRECorp").

8 Q. Please describe your professional experience.

9 A. I was employed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC" or
10 "Commission") from November 1985 to February 1995. I served as a Public Utilities
11 Specialist in the [Electric] Rate Filings Branch from November 1985 to October 1989. In
12 November 1989, I was promoted to Section Chief in the Division of [Electric]
13 Applications, and was responsible for supervising the review of the terms, conditions,
14 and rates of electric rate applications for such services as interchange power,
15 requirements power, and transmission. During my tenure with FERC, I prepared or
16 supervised the preparation of memoranda recommending acceptance, rejection,
17 deficiency, or investigation in hundreds of cases. These included cases that set important

1 precedents on electric transmission pricing, such as the merger compliance transmission
2 tariffs for Northeast Utilities, the first generation of open access transmission tariffs
3 (“OATT”) filed by utilities such as Entergy Services Inc., Louisville Gas and Electric
4 Co., Florida Power & Light Co., Kansas City Power & Light Co., and American Electric
5 Power Service Corp., as well as the Pennsylvania Electric Company case involving
6 Penntech Papers, Inc. I also taught a one-year course to FERC Staff and gave several
7 presentations to the Edison Electric Institute Interconnection and Interchange
8 Arrangements Committee on the pricing of power and transmission services.

9 From February 1995 through October 2000, I was a Vice President of Stone &
10 Webster Management Consultants, Inc. In this position, I provided consulting services to
11 numerous electric utilities on matters involving requirements and off-system power rates,
12 rate and implementation strategies for developing OATT filings, and issues concerning
13 the organization of Independent System Operators (“ISO”), and Regional Transmission
14 Organizations (“RTO”). I also assisted several utilities in preparing their retail delivery
15 services filings. In November 2000, I joined R.J. Rudden Associates, Inc. as a Vice
16 President, where I continued providing consulting services to the electric industry. I
17 joined BMWQ in February 2004.

18 **Q. What are your duties in your current position?**

19 **A.** I provide consulting services on matters relating to power sales, transmission, and
20 ancillary service issues associated with FERC regulation of open access transmission
21 service, including issues arising from FERC’s Order Nos. 888, 889, 890, 2000, 679 and
22 1000. I have been actively involved as a consultant to several ISOs and RTOs,
23 participants in organized electric markets, and transmission-only entities. I have advised

1 these clients on formula transmission rates, transmission and congestion pricing, and the
2 treatment of pre-existing arrangements, losses, and ancillary services. In addition, I have
3 provided advice on transmission pricing matters to several transmission-owning members
4 of the PJM Interconnection, L.L.C. ("PJM"), Midcontinent Independent System
5 Operator, Inc. ("MISO"), California Independent System Operator Corporation, ISO New
6 England Inc., New York Independent System Operator and Southwest Power Pool, Inc.
7 ("SPP").

8 **Q. Have you previously testified before FERC or before other regulatory agencies and**
9 **courts on utility-related matters?**

10 **A.** Yes. During my tenure at the FERC, I was assigned to the Commission's advisory staff
11 and, therefore, was precluded from testifying before the FERC. However, while at the
12 FERC, I presented cases publicly to the FERC Commissioners at their bi-weekly public
13 meetings and was the technical contact to the Commissioners in numerous cases. Since
14 leaving the FERC, I have filed testimony before the FERC in numerous proceedings. In
15 addition to the FERC, I have testified before the British Columbia Utilities Commission
16 in Canada, the Illinois Commerce Commission, the Maine Public Utilities Commission,
17 the United States Court of Federal Claims, and the United States District Court in Florida.
18 A table of my prior testimony is attached hereto as Exhibit No. PRE-3.

19 **Q. Please describe your educational background.**

20 **A.** I received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Business, and the degree of Bachelor of
21 Arts in Economics from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado, in May 1982. I
22 also received the degree of Master of Business Administration in Finance from the
23 George Washington University in Washington, DC in December 1988.

1 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY AND BACKGROUND**

2 **Q. What is the purpose of your testimony in this proceeding?**

3 **A.** The purpose of my testimony is to present and support the increase in PRECorp's
4 revenue requirement under an open access transmission tariff ("Joint Tariff") that
5 governs the rates, terms and conditions for the provision of transmission service over the
6 integrated transmission facilities of PRECorp, Black Hills Power, Inc. ("BHP"), and
7 Basin Electric Power Cooperative (BEPC). The Joint Tariff is on file with the
8 Commission as Black Hills FERC Electric Tariff Original Volume No. 4, with a total
9 current revenue requirement of \$33.7 million. The increase in the revenue requirement is
10 primarily due to the inclusion of the new transmission facilities in PRECorp's net electric
11 plant in service. In this testimony, I describe and support the reasonableness of the
12 proposed ATRR.

13 **Q. Please explain how transmission service is provided on the integrated**
14 **facilities of PRECorp, BHP and PRECorp.**

15 **A.** Transmission service on the integrated facilities of PRECorp, BHP and BEPC is provided
16 pursuant to the Joint Tariff that I discussed earlier. FERC initially accepted the Joint
17 Tariff on February 12, 2004 (106 FERC ¶ 61,119 (2004)). The Joint Tariff was modified
18 through an uncontested settlement agreement that was approved by FERC on August 6,
19 2004 (108 FERC ¶ 61,165 (2004) ("August Settlement")). The Joint Tariff provides that
20 each of the transmission owners may unilaterally modify the cost of service of its
21 transmission facilities over which transmission service is provided pursuant to that Tariff.
22 Through its filing in this proceeding, PRECorp proposes to modify the Joint Tariff to
23 include in PRECorp's revenue requirement for service on the AC transmission system the

1 cost of the construction and operation of a new transmission facilities added to the Joint
2 Tariff.

3 **III. EXPLANATION OF THE INCREASE IN PRECORP'S REVENUE REQUIREMENT**

4 **Q. Please explain how the rates for transmission service under the Joint Tariff are**
5 **developed.**

6 **A.** A gross revenue requirement is calculated for each Party's facilities that comprise the AC
7 Transmission System. Each Party receives a share of the revenue from short-term and
8 non-firm service based on its contribution to the total unit rate. Accordingly, the short-
9 term and non-firm revenues are allocated to the Parties based on each Party's
10 contribution to the total unit rates and become credits to their revenue requirements. The
11 individual Parties' annual transmission revenue requirements, net of the revenue credits,
12 are then individually divided by the peak load on the AC Transmission System facilities.
13 The annual rate for the AC Transmission System facilities is the sum of the Parties'
14 individual components of the annual rate. In the August Settlement, parties agreed that
15 the rates would be based on the stated revenue requirements of the Parties found in
16 Attachment H divided by the loads during the previous calendar year. Thus, the rates
17 have a formulaic rate design.

18 **Q. Please explain the impact of including the cost of the new transmission facilities in**
19 **PRECorp's revenue requirement.**

20 **A.** PRECorp's net transmission plant in service that is subject to the Joint Tariff was \$ 7.2
21 million on December 31, 2015, which included \$1.1 million for the Teckla BHP
22 Interconnect. When all the facilities go into service, PRECorp's net electric plant in
23 service will increase to \$10.1 million – an increase of about 40%. PRECorp's cost of

1 service will increase from \$1.3 million, which is the amount that has been included in
2 Attachment H of the Joint Tariff since 2004, to \$2.1 million as a result of the inclusion.

3 **Q. Why did PRECorp choose to include known and measurable changes to the test**
4 **year?**

5 **A.** If PRECorp were to perform a cost of service study using a historic 2015 test year, the
6 new facilities would not be fully reflected in rates until the end of calendar 2016.

7 Consequently, PRECorp would not be made whole for the transmission additions if it
8 were to base its rates on a historic test year. Given the magnitude of the increase in its
9 costs, PRECorp proposes to base its cost of service on historic 2015 costs making know
10 and measurable changes to reflect the additional transmission facilities. Since the
11 proposed rate increase is less than \$1 million, a Period II future test period is not required
12 under the Commission's regulations.

13 **IV. EXPLANATION OF COST SUPPORT FOR PRECORP'S PROPOSED RATES**

14 **Q. Please explain the basis for the cost of service study that supports PRECorp's**
15 **proposed revenue requirement.**

16 **A.** PRECorp performed the cost of service study using the same methodology and return on
17 equity that it used to develop the currently-effective rates that were Filed in 2004. The
18 cost of service study is attached hereto as Exhibit No. PRE-4 ("Cost of Service").

19 **Q. Please describe the cost support used for developing PRECorp's proposed rates.**

20 **A.** The cost support uses standard cost of service practices to develop a rate base upon which
21 return and taxes are calculated and includes functionalized expenses such as transmission
22 operations and maintenance ("O&M"), administrative and general ("A&G"),
23 depreciation, and taxes other than income taxes.

1 Rate base is developed using 2015 actuals, with the known and measurable costs
2 associated with the new transmission additions. The gross plant and accumulated
3 depreciation are 2015 actuals adjusted for a full year addition of the new transmission
4 plant (Cost of Service - page 1, lines 1 to 29; page and line numbers below refer to the
5 Cost of Service).

6 Also included in rate base are prepayments, materials and supplies, and cash
7 working capital (calculated as one-eighth of O&M) on lines 30 to 32. Transmission
8 related prepayments and materials and supplies were functionalized to transmission.

9 Transmission operation and maintenance expenses exclude Account 565
10 Transmission by Others consistent with FERC precedent adjusted to reflect the new
11 transmission plant, see page 2, lines 1 to 3.

12 Except for direct assignments, PRECorp has functionalized A&G expenses based
13 on labor ratios (page 2, lines 4 to 6). The transmission depreciation expense was adjusted
14 to reflect the new facilities (page 2, line 9) and the general plant depreciation expense
15 was allocated using the labor ratio (page 2, line 11). Regulatory commission expenses
16 were amortized over a five (5) year period.

17 Other taxes include labor related other taxes and are allocated based on the labor
18 ratio.

19 Return is calculated based on the current capital structures, cost of debt and a rate
20 of return on equity of 10.8%, which is the same as the Commission approved in the
21 August Settlement. No allowance for income taxes was included in the cost of service.

22 The cost of service develops the revenue requirement for all of PRECorp's
23 transmission facilities in Column 5 and allocates the costs to the Joint Tariff (Column 7)

1 based on ratio of the gross plant at issue and the total gross plant, except transmission
2 depreciation expense and regulatory commission expense which were directly assigned to
3 the Joint Tariff.

4 **Q. Please discuss the direct assignments discussed above.**

5 **A.** The direct assignments are show as "DA" on the cost of service and are consistent with
6 the direct assignments employed by PRECorp in its last rate case. These are the direct
7 assignment of gross plant, the associated accumulated depreciation related to the facilities
8 under the Joint Tariff, regulatory commission expenses related to the Joint Tariff and
9 transmission depreciation expense, all of which are supported by the referenced
10 workpapers.

11 Workpaper 1 shows the gross plant, accumulated depreciation and depreciation
12 expense for the Joint Tariff facilities. Workpaper 2 shows the total gross plant and
13 accumulated depreciation by function. Workpaper 3 details the projected regulatory
14 commission expenses amortized over 5 years. Workpaper 4 details the depreciation
15 expense by function. Workpaper 5 calculates the depreciation expense for the Joint Tariff
16 facilities. Workpaper 6 details the transmission materials and supplies and Workpaper 7
17 details the salaries and wages by function.

18 **Q. Is PRECorp proposing to make any modification to rate design of the Joint Tariff
19 rates for point-to-point transmission service?**

20 **A.** No.

21 **Q. Please summarize the results of PRECorp's transmission cost study.**

22 **A.** The cost of service analysis demonstrates that the revenue requirement for the portion of
23 the AC Transmission System facilities under the Joint Tariff owned by PRECorp

1 increases by about \$826,000 from \$1.3 million to \$2.1 million. Because PRECorp's
2 revenue requirement is only about 6% of the total revenue requirements associated with
3 the Joint Tariff, the increase in PRECorp's revenue requirement would only result in an
4 increase of \$0.11/kw/month (\$2.76/kw/month to \$2.87/kw/month) in the rate paid by
5 transmission customers.

6 **Q. In your opinion, has the revenue requirement for transmission service been**
7 **developed consistent with accepted Commission ratemaking methodologies?**

8 **A. Yes, the revenue requirement and rates both have been developed in a manner that is**
9 **consistent with the Commission's accepted ratemaking methodologies.**

10 **Q. Does this complete your direct testimony?**

11 **A. Yes, it does.**

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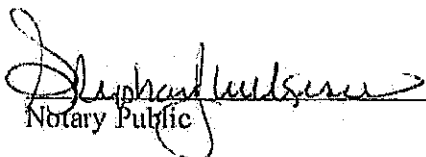
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Alan C. Heintz, being first duly sworn, deposes and states that he is the Alan C. Heintz referred to in the document entitled "Direct Testimony of Alan C. Heintz," and that the statements set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief in this proceeding.



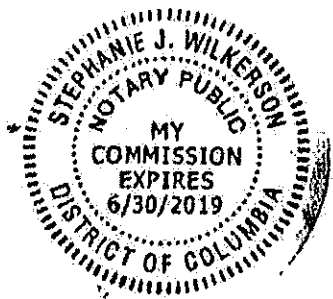
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Subscribed and sworn to before me, the undersigned notary public, this 28th day of November, 2016.


Notary Public

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NOTARY PUBLIC DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
My Commission Expires June 30, 2019

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SUMMARY OF TESTIMONY EXPERIENCE
ALAN C. HEINTZ

#	JURISDICTION	CASE OR DOCKET NO.	CLIENT	APPROXIMATE DATE	SUBJECT MATTER
1	FERC	ER95-836-000	Maine Public Service Company	1995	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
2	FERC	ER95-854-000	Kentucky Utilities Company	1995	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
3	FERC	ER95-1686-000 ER96-496-000	Northeast Utilities Service Company	1996	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
4	FERC	ER96--58-000	Allegheny Power Services Corporation	1995 & 1996	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
5	FERC	OA96-138-000	Consolidated Edison Company of New York, Inc.	1997	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
6	FERC	ER96-1208-000	Interstate Power Company	1996	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
7	British Columbia Utilities Commission		Booneville Power Administration	1997	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
8	FERC	ER98-1438-000 EC98-24-000	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	1998 & 1999	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Midwest ISO Tariff
9	FERC	EC98-2770-000 ER98-2770-000 ER98-2786-000	Midwest Independent System Operator Transmission Owners	1999	Reasonableness of the conditions to be placed on the merging parties

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10	Illinois Commerce Commission	99-0117	Commonwealth Edison Company	1998	Cost of service for Retail Distribution Services Tariff
11	FERC	ER99-3110-000	Nevada Power Company	1998	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
12	FERC	ER99-4415-000	Illinois Power Company	1999	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
13	FERC	ER99-4470-000	Commonwealth Edison Company	1999	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
14	U.S. District Court, FL	92-35-CIV-ORL-3A22	Florida Power and Light Company	1999	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Network Service in an anti-trust case
15	U.S. Court of Federal Claims, DC	97-268C	Carolina Power & Light Company	1999	COST recovery of Decontamination & Decommissioning Fund Assessments
16	FERC	ER98-496-006 ER98-2160-004	Dynegy	1999	Rates for Must Run units
17	FERC	ER00-980-000	Bangor Hydro Electric Company	1999	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
18	Maine Public Utilities Commission	99-185	Bangor Hydro Electric Company	2000	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services

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19	FERC	EL00-98-000, et al.	Dynegy Power Marketing, Inc.	2000	Nexus between fuel and emissions costs and the market prices in California
20	Illinois Commerce Commission	No. 01-0423	Commonwealth Edison Company	2001	Direct, Rebuttal and Surrebuttal: Cost of service for Retail Distribution Services Tariff
21	FERC	ER01-2992	Commonwealth Edison Company	2001	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
22	FERC	ER01-123.004	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2001	Super Region Adjustment for the MISO/ARTO Super Region
23	FERC	ER01-2999	Illinois Power Company	2001	Rates, Terms and Conditions for Open Access Transmission Services
24	FERC	ER01-3142, et. al	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2001	Revised treatment of Network Upgrades
25	FERC	ER01-3142, et. al	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2001	Uncertainties that support a higher ROE
26	FERC	EL000-95-045, et.al	Dynegy, Mirant, Reliant and Williams	2001 & 2002	Costing of emissions and start-up costs
27	FERC	EC02-23 & ER02-320	Trans-Elect, Inc.	2001 & 2002	Support of rates and ratemaking methodology for new transmission company
28	FERC		Sithe New Boston, LLC	2001 & 2002	Cost of Service for Must Run Unit
29	FERC	RM01-12	SeTrans	2002	Allocation of FTRs/CRRs

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30	FERC	EL02-111	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2002	Through and Out Rates
31	FERC	ER02-2595	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2002	Cost Allocation for FTR and Market Administration
32	FERC	ER03-37	Sierra Pacific and Nevada Power	2003	Ancillary Service Rates
33	FERC	ER03-626	Empire District Electric Co.	2003	Cost of Service; Wholesale Requirements Customers
34	FERC	EL-02-25-001, et. al	Public Service Co. of Colorado	2003	Fuel Adjustment Clause
35	FERC	ER03-959	Exelon Framingham LLC, et al.	2003	Production Cost of Service
36	FERC	ER03-1187	Commonwealth Edison	2003	Black Start Rates
37	FERC	ER03-1223	Montana Megawatt	2003	Production Formula Rates
38	FERC	ER03-1335	Commonwealth Edison	2003	Transmission Tariff Rates
39	FERC	ER03-1354	Black Hills Power Company, et al.	2003	Joint transmission Tariff Rates
40	FERC	ER03-1328	Nevada Power	2003	Transmission Tariff Rates
41	FERC	EL02-111, et. Al	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2004	Long-term Transmission Pricing Plan
42	FERC	ER05-14	Sierra Pacific	2004	Transmission Tariff Rates
43	FERC	ER05-26	Mirant Kendall, LLC	2004	Reliability Must Run Agreement and Rates

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44	Illinois Commerce Commission	No.04-0779	NICOR Gas Company	2004	Distribution Service Embedded Cost of Service Study
45	FERC	ER05-163	Milford Power Company LLC	2004	Reliability Must Run Agreement and Rates
46	FERC	EL02-111, et. al	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2004	Seams Elimination
47	FERC	EL00-95, et. al	Portland General Electric Company	2005	California Refund Proceeding
48	FERC	ER05-447	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2005	Schedule 10 & 17 Recovery for Grandfathered Agreements
49	FERC	EL02-111, et. al	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2005	Seams Elimination
50	FERC	ER05-860	Whiting Clean Energy	2005	Cost Based Power Rates
51	FERC	ER05-903	Con. Ed. Energy Mass., Inc.	2005	Reliability Must Run Agreement and Rates
52	FERC	EL02-111, et. al	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2005	Seams Elimination
53	FERC	ER05-1050	AmerGen Energy Company, L.L.C.	2005	Reactive power charges
54	Illinois Commerce Commission	No.05-0597	Commonwealth Edison Co.	2005	Distribution Service Embedded Cost of Service Study
55	FERC	ER05-1179	Berkshire Power Company, LLC	2005	Reliability Must Run Agreement and Rates
56	FERC	ER05-1243	Basin Electric Power Cooperative	2005	Revised Transmission Cost of Service

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57	FERC	ER05-1304 & ER05-1305	Mystic I, LLC and Mystic Development, LLC	2005	Reliability Must Run Agreement and Rates
58	FERC	ER05-273	Midwest ISO Transmission Owners	2005	Proper Pricing for Regional Non-firm Redirects
59	FERC	ER05-515	PHI and BGE	2005	Transmission Formula Rates
60	FERC	EL05-19	Southwestern Public Service Company	2005	Production rates and Fuel Adjustment Clause,
61	FERC	ER06-427	Mystic Development, LLC	2006	Reliability Must Run Agreement and Rates
62	FERC	ER06-822	Fore River Development, LLC	2006	Reliability Must Run Agreement and Rates
63	FERC	ER06-819	Consolidated Edison Energy Massachusetts, Inc	2006	Reliability Must Run Agreement and Rates
64	FERC	ER07-169	Ameren Energy Marketing Company	2006	Ancillary service rates
65	FERC	ER06-1549	Duquesne Light Company	2006	Transmission Formula Rates
66	FERC	ER07-170	Ameren Energy, Inc.	2006	Ancillary service rates
67	FERC	ER06-787	Idaho Power	2006 & 2007	Transmission Formula Rates
68	FERC	ER07-562	Trans-Allegheny Interstate Line Company	2007	Transmission Formula Rates
69	FERC	ER07-583	Commonwealth Edison	2007	Transmission Formula Rates

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70	FERC	ER07-1171	Arizona Public Service Co.	2007	Transmission Formula Rates
71	Illinois Commerce Commission	No. 07-0566	Commonwealth Edison Co.	2007	Distribution Service Embedded Cost of Service Study
72	FERC	ER07-1371	Sierra Pacific Resources	2007	Transmission Rates
73	FERC	ER08-281	Oklahoma Gas & Electric	2007	Transmission Formula Rates
74	FERC	ER08-313	Southwestern Public Service	2007	Transmission Formula Rates
75	FERC	ER08-386	Potomac-Appalachian Transmission Highline, LLC	2007	Transmission Formula Rates
76	FERC	ER08-374	Atlantic Path 15, LLC	2007	Transmission Rates
77	Illinois Commerce Commission	No. 08-0363	NICOR Gas Company	2008	Distribution Service Embedded Cost of Service Study
78	FERC	ER08-951	PSEG Energy Resources & Trade, LLC	2008	Reactive Power Charges
79	FERC	ER08-1233	Public Service Gas & Electric Company	2008	Transmission Formula Rates
80	FERC	ER08-1457	PPL Electric Utilities Corp.	2008	Transmission Formula Rates
81	FERC	ER08-1584	Black Hills Power	2008	Transmission Formula Rates
82	FERC	ER08-1600	Basin Electric Power Coop	2008	Transmission Rates

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83	FERC	ER09-36	Prairie Wind Transmission, LLC	2008	Transmission Formula Rates
84	FERC	ER09-35	Tallgrass Transmission, LLC	2008	Transmission Formula Rates
85	FERC	ER09-75	Pioneers Transmission, LLC	2008	Transmission Formula Rates
86	FERC	ER09-255	Nebraska Public Power District	2008	Transmission Formula Rates
87	FERC	ER09-528	ITC Great Plains, LLC	2009	Transmission Formula Rates
88	Illinois Commerce Commission	ER08-0532	Commonwealth Edison Co.	2009	Distribution Service Embedded Cost of Service Study
89	FERC	ER08-370 & EL09-22	Otter Tail Power Co.	2009	Formula Transmission Rate
90	FERC	ER10-152	PPL Electric Utilities Corp.	2009	Revised Depreciation Method
91	FERC	ER09-1727	ALLETE, INC	2009	Formula Transmission Rate
92	FERC	ER10-230	KCP&L	2009	Formula Transmission Rates
93	FERC	ER10-455	Ameren Energy Marketing Company	2009	Reactive Power Rates
94	FERC	ER10-516	SCE&G	2010	Formula Transmission Rates
95	FERC	ER10-962	Union Electric Company	2010	Reactive Power Rates
96	FERC	ER10-1149	FP&L	2010	Formula Transmission Rates

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97	FERC	ER10-1418	Exelon Generation	2010	Reliability Must Run
98	FERC	ER10-1782	Tampa Electric Company	2010	Formula Transmission Rates
99	FERC	ER10-2061	Tampa Electric Company	2010	Formula Production Rates
100	FERC	ER11-1955	Dairyland Power Coop.	2011	Reactive Rates
101	FERC	ER05-6	MISO Transmission Owners	2010	Seams Elimination
102	FERC	ER11-2127	Terra Gen Dixie Valley	2010	Transmission Rates
103	FERC	ER09-1148	PPL Electric Utilities	2011	Formula Transmission Rates
104	FERC	ER11-3643	PacifiCorp	2011	Formula Transmission Rates
105	FERC	ER11-3826	Black Hills	2011	Transmission Rates
106	FERC	ER11-3643	Puget Sound Energy	2012	Formula Transmission Rates
107	FERC	ER12-1378	CLECO	2012	Formula Transmission Rates
108	FERC	ER12-1593	DATC	2012	Formula Transmission Rates
109	FERC	ER12-2274	PSE&G	2012	Abandonment Costs
110	FERC	ER12-2554	Transource Missouri, LLC	2012	Formula Transmission Rate
111	FERC	ER13-1187	MidAmerican	2013	Depreciation Rates under Formula

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112	FERC	ER13-1207	PacifiCorp	2013	Regulation Service
113	FERC	EL13-48	PHI Companies	2013	Complaint involving Formula Rates
114	FERC	ER13-1207	PacifiCorp	2013	Depreciation Rates under Formula
115	FERC	ER13-1605	NV Energy	2013	Transmission and Ancillary Service Rates
116	FERC	ER13-782	ITC	2013	Transmission Formula Rate
117	FERC	ER13-1962 & EL13-76	AERG/AEM	2013	Reliability Must Run
118	FERC	ER14-108	Entergy	2013	Reactive Power Rates
119	FERC	ER14-1210	Illinois Power Marketing Company	2014	Reliability Must Run
120	FERC	ER14-1332	DATC Path 15, LLC	2014	Transmission Cost of Service
121	FERC	ER14-1382	Transource Missouri, LLC	2014	Transmission Formula
122	FERC	ER14-1425	Cheyenne L, F & P	2014	Transmission Rates
123	FERC	ER14-1661	MidAmerican Central California Transco, LLC	2014	Transmission Formula
124	FERC	ER14-1956	Panther Creek Power Operating, LLC	2014	Reactive Power Rates
125	FERC	ER14-1969	Public Service Company of Colorado	2014	Ancillary Services for Intermittent Resources

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126	FERC	ER14-2502	Entergy Power, LLC EAM Nelson Holding, LLC	2014	Reactive Power Rates
127	FERC	ER14-2619	Illinois Power Marketing Company	2014	Reliability Must Run
128	FERC	ER14-2718	Illinois Power Marketing Company	2014	Reliability Must Run
129	FERC	ER14-2751 & ER14-2752	Xcel Energy Transmission Development Company, LLC and Xcel Energy Southwest Transmission Company, LLC	2014	Transmission Formula
130	FERC	ER15-13	Transource Wisconsin, Inc.	2014	Transmission Formula
131	FERC	ER15-279	Nebraska Public Power District	2014	Transmission Cost of Service
132	FERC	ER15-572	New York Transco, LLC	2015	Transmission Formula
133	FERC	ER15-948	Illinois Power Marketing Company	2015	Reliability Must Run
134	FERC	ER15-958	Transource Kansas, LLC	2015	Transmission Formula
135	FERC	ER15-949	Southwestern Public Service Co.	2015	Demand Allocator
136	FERC	ER15-1047	R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC	2015	Reliability Support Services Agreement
137	FERC	ER15-1510	First Energy Solutions Corp.	2015	Reactive Power Rates
138	FERC	ER15-51	City Water And Light Plant Of The City Of Jonesboro	2015	Reactive Power Rates
139	FERC	ER15-1682	TransCanyon DCR, LLC	2015	Transmission Formula
140	FERC	ER15-1719	R.E. Ginna Nuclear Power Plant, LLC	2015	Reliability Support Services Agreement
141	FERC	ER15-1775	Basin Electric Power Coop	2015	Transmission Formula
142	FERC	ER15-1809	ATX Southwest, LLC	2015	Transmission Formula

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143	FERC	ER15-2102	New York Power Authority	2015	Transmission Formula
144	FERC	ER15-2239	NextEra Energy Transmission West, LLC	2015	Transmission Formula
145	FERC	ER15-2426	Northern Indiana Public Service Co.	2015	Reactive Power Rates
146	FERC	ER15-2594	South Central MCN LLC	2015	Transmission Formula
147	FERC	EL16-17	City of West Memphis	2015	Reactive Power Rates
148	FERC	EL16-18	Conway Corporation	2015	Reactive Power Rates
149	FERC	ER16-200 & 201	Duke Energy Indiana, Inc.	2015	Reactive Power Rates
150	FERC	EL16-14	Indiana Municipal Power Agency	2015	Reactive Power Rates
151	FERC	ER16-444	Wabash Valley Power Association, Inc.	2015	Reactive Power Rates
152	FERC	ER16-835	New York Power Authority	2015	Transmission Formula
153	FERC	EL15-85	New Hampshire Transmission LLC	2016	Formula Rates
154	FERC	ER16-1832	Entergy Louisiana, LLC	2016	Reactive Power Rates
155	FERC	ER16-2298	Duke Energy Kentucky, Inc.	2016	Reactive Power Rates
156	FERC	ER16-2716	NextEra Energy Transmission, MidAtlantic, LLC	2016	Transmission Formula
157	FERC	ER16-2717	NextEra Energy Transmission, Midwest, LLC	2016	Transmission Formula
158	FERC	ER16-2719	NextEra Energy Transmission, New York, Inc	2016	Transmission Formula
159	FERC	ER16-2720	NextEra Energy Transmission, Southwest, LLC	2016	Transmission Formula

Powder River Energy Corporation
Utilizing RUS Form 7 Data
12/31/2015 (Restated to August 31, 2017)

Line No.	(1)	(2) RUS Form 7 Reference	(3) Company Total	(4) Allocator	(5) Total Transmission	(6) Allocator	(7) Common Use AC Facilities
Rate Base:							
GROSS PLANT IN SERVICE							
1	Production	None	-	NA	-	-	-
2	Transmission	Form 7 Part E, line 5E	66,362,837	DA	66,362,837	DA	21,258,039
3	Distribution	Form 7 Part E, line 1E	254,235,366	NA	-	NA	-
4	General	Form 7 Part E Line 2E, 3E, 7E	34,951,380	-	1,508,804	-	483,316
5	Direct Assign - Transmission	Accounting Records	-	DA	1.0000	DA	1.0000
6	Direct Assign - Distribution	Accounting Records	-	NA	-	NA	-
7	Other	Form 7 Part E Lines 2E, 3E, 7E	34,951,380	WS	0.0432	TP	0.3203
8	Intangible	Form 7 Part E Line 4E	368,367	WS	0.0432	TP	0.3203
9	TOTAL GROSS PLANT (sum lines 1-3, 5-8)		355,917,950	GP=	19.1%	67,887,543	6.1%
10	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION						
11	Production	None	-	NA	-	-	-
12	Transmission	Accounting Records	34,295,756	DA	1.0000	34,295,756	Workpaper 1
13	Distribution	Accounting Records	107,154,457	NA	-	-	-
14	General	Accounting Records	20,532,846	-	886,375	-	283,933
15	Direct Assign - Transmission	Accounting Records	-	DA	-	-	-
16	Direct Assign - Distribution	Accounting Records	-	NA	-	-	-
17	Other	Accounting Records	20,532,846	WS	0.0432	886,375	TP
18	Intangible	Accounting Records	142,389	NA	-	-	-
19	TOTAL ACCUM. DEPREC. (sum lines 10-13, 15-18)		162,125,449			95,182,131	11,474,878
20	NET PLANT IN SERVICE						
21	Production	Line 1 - Line 11	-	-	-	-	-
22	Transmission	Line 2 - Line 12	32,067,081	-	32,067,081	-	10,067,094
23	Distribution	Line 3 - Line 13	147,080,909	-	-	-	-
24	General	Line 4 - Line 14	14,418,534	-	622,429	-	199,383
25	Direct Assign - Transmission	Line 5 - Line 15	-	-	-	-	-
26	Direct Assign - Distribution	Line 6 - Line 16	-	-	-	-	-
27	Other	Line 7 - Line 17	14,418,534	-	622,429	-	199,383
28	Intangible	Line 8 - Line 18	225,978	-	15,902	-	5,094
29	TOTAL NET PLANT (sum lines 21-23 & 25-28)		193,792,501	NP=	16.9%	32,705,411	5.3%
WORKING CAPITAL							
30	CWC	Calculated	1,080,779	Auto	243,674	Auto	79,756
31	Materials & Supplies	Accounting Records	2,040,070	DA	Workpaper 6	2,040,070	TP
32	Prepayments	Form 7 Part C, Line 24	289,583	NA	-	289,583	TP
33	TOTAL WORKING CAPITAL (sum lines 30-32)		3,410,432			2,573,328	826,015
34	RATE BASE (sum lines 29 + 33)		197,202,934			35,278,739	11,097,585

Powder River Energy Corporation
 Utilizing RUS Form 7 Data
 12/31/2015 (Restated to August 31, 2017)

Line No.	(1)	(2) RUS Form 7 Reference	(3) Company Total	(4) Allocator	(5) Total Transmission	(6) Allocator	(7) Common Use AC Facilities
O&M							
1	Transmission	Form 7 Part A Line 4b	1,679,300 DA	1.0000	\$ 1,679,300 TE	0.3203	\$ 537,930.97
2	Less Account 565	Accounting Records	(52,040) DA	1.0000	\$ (52,040) TE	0.3203	\$ (16,670.11)
3	Distribution	Accounting Records	- NA	0	\$ - NA	0	\$ -
4	A&G	Form 7 Part A Line 11b	6,998,971 WS	0.0432	\$ 302,136 TE	0.3203	\$ 96,783.39
5	Add: Regulatory Expense	Workpaper 3	20,000 DA	1.0000	\$ 20,000 DA	1.0000	\$ 20,000.00
6	Common		- NA	0	\$ - NA	0	\$ -
8	TOTAL O&M and A&G (sum lines 1-7)		\$ 8,646,231		\$ 1,949,395.73		\$ 698,044.26
DEPRECIATION EXPENSE							
9	Transmission	Acct #s 405.1 and 403.1	1,726,681 DA	1.0000	\$ 1,726,680.92 DA		\$ 586,627.91
10	Distribution	Acct #s 405.2 and 403.2	7,630,853 NA	0	\$ - NA	0	\$ -
11	General	Acct #s 403.4 and 403.5	1,202,445 WS	0.0432	\$ 51,907.91 TP	0.3203	\$ 16,627.69
	Other Electric Plant	Acct # 405.3	14,730				
	Clearing	Accounting Records	698,700	0	\$ -		\$ -
12	TOTAL DEPRECIATION (sum 9-11) (Note C)		\$ 11,273,408		\$ 1,778,588.83		\$ 603,255.59
TAXES OTHER THAN INCOME TAXES (Note D)							
LABOR RELATED							
13	Payroll		WS	0.0432	\$ - TP	0.3203	\$ -
14	Highway and Vehicle		518 WS	0.0432	\$ 22 TP	0.3203	\$ 7.16
15	PLANT RELATED						
16	Property				\$ -		\$ -
17	Property Headquarters		WS	0.0432	\$ - TP	0.3203	\$ -
18	Property Directly Assigned		DA	1.0000	\$ -	1.0000	\$ -
19	Production		NA	0	\$ -	0	\$ -
20	TOTAL OTHER TAXES		\$ 518.00		\$ 22.36		\$ 7.16
21	RETURN {Rate Base }		\$ 15,677,633	7.95%	\$ 2,804,660	7.95%	\$ 882,258.02
22	REV. REQUIREMENT (sum lines 8, 12, 20, 21)		\$ 35,597,790.25		\$ 6,532,666.70		\$ 2,123,565.03

Key	
TP	Transmission Plant
WS	Wages & Salaries
DA	Direct Assignment
NA	Not Applicable

Current Annual CUS Revenues: \$ 1,297,602.00
 Increase Determined Necessary: \$ 825,963.03

Powder River Energy Corporation
 Utilizing RUS Form 7 Data
 Supporting Calculations and Notes
 12/31/2015 (Restated to August 31, 2017)

Line

No. TRANSMISSION PLANT INCLUDED IN JOINT TARIFF RATES

1 Total Transmission Plant (Form 7, Part E, Line 5e)		\$	66,362,837
2 Less transmission plant excluded from Common Use Facilities		\$	45,104,798
3 Less transmission plant included in Ancillary Services			
4 Transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (line 1 less 2 and 3)		\$	21,258,039
5 Percentage of transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (Line 4 / Line 1)	TP=		0.320330477

TRANSMISSION EXPENSES

6 Total Transmission Expenses (COSS 1 & 2 of 3)			1,679,300
7 Less transmission expenses included in Ancillary Services			
8 Included transmission expenses (line 6 less line 7)		\$	1,679,300.00
9 Percentage of transmission expenses after adjustment (line 8/line 6)			1
10 Percentage of transmission plant included in Common Use Facilities (Line 5)	TP		0.320330477
11 Percentage of transmission expenses included in Common Use Facilities (Line 9 time Line 10)	TE=		0.320330477

WAGES & SALARY ALLOCATOR (W&S)

	Allocation			
12 Production	\$	-	\$	-
13 Transmission	\$	206,885	1.0000	\$ 206,885 WorkPaper 7
14 Distribution	\$	4,585,599	-	\$ - WorkPaper 7
15 Other	\$	-	-	\$ - (\$ / Allocation)
16 Total (sum lines 12-15)	\$	4,792,484		\$ 206,885 0.043158642

RETURN (R) NOTE E

	Source	\$ (000)	%	Cost	Weighted
21 Long Term Debt	PREC. Weighted Cost of Debt	\$ 129,018	39%	3.5%	1.37%
22 Proprietary Capital	Basin & BHC's FERC Approved Rate	\$ 201,346	61%	10.8%	6.58%
23 Total (sum lines 21-22)		\$ 330,364	100%		7.95%

**Powder River Energy Corporation
Common Use System
12/31/2015 (Restated to August 31, 2017)**

Description	Book Cost	12/31/2015		8/31/2017		Depreciation Expense
		Accum Depr	Adjusted Accum Depr	Net Book Value	8/31/2017	
1 230 kV Transmission Line	\$ 6,362,748.54	\$ 4,253,135.23	\$ 4,538,484.46	\$ 1,824,264.08	\$ 171,209.54	
2 Hughes Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 2,546,213.14	\$ 1,399,753.47	\$ 1,516,454.90	\$ 1,029,758.24	\$ 70,020.86	
3 Osage Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 245,068.40	\$ 173,499.77	\$ 184,732.07	\$ 60,336.33	\$ 6,739.38	
4 Reno Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 1,370,485.15	\$ 1,052,812.05	\$ 1,115,625.95	\$ 254,859.20	\$ 37,688.34	
5 Teckla Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 1,772,742.48	\$ 1,355,270.07	\$ 1,436,520.77	\$ 336,221.71	\$ 48,750.42	
6 Teckla II Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 1,914,840.17	\$ 534,945.82	\$ 622,709.32	\$ 1,292,130.85	\$ 52,658.10	
7 Barber Creek Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 463,829.74	\$ 179,327.00	\$ 210,248.98	\$ 253,580.76	\$ 18,553.19	
8 Wyodak Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 1,714,830.63	\$ 1,353,722.24	\$ 1,432,318.65	\$ 282,511.98	\$ 47,157.84	
9 Teckla BHP Inter-Connect	\$ 1,124,308.00	\$ -	\$ 30,918.47	\$ 1,093,389.53	\$ 30,918.47	
10 Bill Durfee Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 3,742,973.00	\$ -	\$ 102,931.76	\$ 3,640,041.24	\$ 102,931.76	
TOTAL	\$ 21,258,039.25	\$ 10,302,465.65	\$ 11,190,945.35	\$ 10,067,093.90	\$ 586,627.91	

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Work Papers - Gross Plant in Service
12/31/2015 (Restated to August 31, 2017)

Gross Plant in Service - Transmission		
Total Transmission Plant	\$ 66,362,837.00	Form 7, Part E, Lines:
Gross Plant in Service - Distribution		
Total Distribution Plant	\$ 254,235,366.00	Form 7, Part E, Line 1e
Less: Electric Plant Sold		Form 7, Part E, Lines:
Total Distribution Plant	<u>\$ 254,235,366.00</u>	
Gross Plant in Service - Other		
Total General Plant	\$ 34,951,380.00	Form 7, Part E, Line 2e + 3e
Add: Total Leased Plant		Form 7, Part E, Lines:
Total General Plant	<u>\$ 34,951,380.00</u>	
Accumulated Depreciation - Transmission		
Accum. Deprec. - Transmission	\$ 34,295,756	See "COSS 1 & 2 of 4"
Accumulated Depreciation - Distribution		
Accum. Deprec. - Distribution	107,154,457	
Retirement Work in Progress		
Accum. Deprec. - Distribution	\$ 107,154,457	See "COSS 1 & 2 of 4"
Accumulated Depreciation - Other		
Accum. Deprec. - General Plant	20,532,846	
Accum. Deprec. - Leased Plant		
Total Accum. Deprec. General Plant	\$ 20,532,846	See "COSS 1 & 2 of 4"

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Work Paper

Regulatory Expense

Legal Fees	\$ 60,000.00
Consultant Fees	\$ 40,000.00
Salary & Wages (Compliance)	
Travel	<u>\$ -</u>
Regulatory Expense - FERC Regulation	\$ 100,000.00
5 Year Amortization of Regulatory Expense	\$ 20,000.00

Powder River Energy Corporation
Work Papers - Depreciation Expense
3/31/2016

	Amortization Land Rights Transmission A/C 405.1	Amortization Land Rights Distribution A/C 405.2	Depreciation Transmission A/C 403.1	Depreciation Distribution A/C 403.2	Depreciation Gen. Plant 403.4 & 403.5	Amorization Other EI Plant 405.3	Clearing	Totals
Apr-15	\$ 3,077	\$ 7,299	\$ 141,124	\$ 643,251	\$ 101,072	\$ 1,227	\$ 56,112	\$ 953,162
May-15	\$ 3,088	\$ 7,308	\$ 141,124	\$ 642,890	\$ 103,405	\$ 1,227	\$ 56,512	\$ 955,554
Jun-15	\$ 3,088	\$ 7,378	\$ 141,124	\$ 641,779	\$ 101,420	\$ 1,227	\$ 57,472	\$ 953,488
Jul-15	\$ 3,088	\$ 7,384	\$ 141,124	\$ 642,430	\$ 101,978	\$ 1,227	\$ 56,819	\$ 954,050
Aug-15	\$ 3,089	\$ 7,438	\$ 141,124	\$ 643,027	\$ 101,871	\$ 1,227	\$ 57,673	\$ 955,449
Sep-15	\$ 3,109	\$ 7,456	\$ 141,124	\$ 630,369	\$ 102,131	\$ 1,227	\$ 59,092	\$ 944,508
Oct-15	\$ 3,109	\$ 7,457	\$ 141,124	\$ 621,828	\$ 100,367	\$ 1,227	\$ 58,484	\$ 933,597
Nov-15	\$ 3,124	\$ 7,456	\$ 140,291	\$ 619,576	\$ 97,032	\$ 1,227	\$ 61,184	\$ 929,890
Dec-15	\$ 3,135	\$ 7,468	\$ 140,366	\$ 613,285	\$ 98,619	\$ 1,227	\$ 60,640	\$ 924,740
Jan-16	\$ 3,135	\$ 7,473	\$ 140,282	\$ 615,250	\$ 98,431	\$ 1,227	\$ 60,640	\$ 926,439
Feb-16	\$ 3,135	\$ 7,486	\$ 140,290	\$ 612,853	\$ 98,698	\$ 1,227	\$ 57,239	\$ 920,929
Mar-16	\$ 3,117	\$ 7,492	\$ 140,290	\$ 615,221	\$ 97,419	\$ 1,227	\$ 56,835	\$ 921,602
Total	\$ 37,294.22	\$ 89,095.25	\$ 1,689,386.70	\$ 7,541,757.52	\$ 1,202,444.79	\$ 14,729.88	\$ 698,700.01	\$ 11,273,408.37

Summary:

Depreciation Expense - Transmission	Accounts 405.1 & 403.1	\$ 1,726,680.92
Depreciation Expense - Distribution	Accounts 405.2 & 403.2	\$ 7,630,852.77
Depreciation Expense - Other	Accounts 403.4 & 403.5	\$ 1,915,874.68
Total Depreciation Expense		\$ 11,273,408.37

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Work Papers - Depreciation - Common Use Transmission Plant

12/31/2015 (Restated to August 31, 2017)

Account No.	Description	Book Cost	Depreciation Rate	Depreciation Expense
350.4	230 kV trans line - land rights	\$ 502,138.73	2.00%	\$ 10,042.77
355.4	230 kV trans line - poles & fixtures	\$ 2,076,942.59	2.75%	\$ 57,115.92
356.4	230 kV trans line - OH cond & Devices	\$ 3,783,667.22	2.75%	\$ 104,050.85
353.4	Hughes Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 2,546,213.14	2.75%	\$ 70,020.86
353.4	Osage Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 245,068.40	2.75%	\$ 6,739.38
353.4	Reno Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 1,370,485.15	2.75%	\$ 37,688.34
353.4	Teckla Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 1,772,742.48	2.75%	\$ 48,750.42
353.4	Teckla II Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 1,914,840.17	2.75%	\$ 52,658.10
353.42	Barber Creek Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 463,829.74	4.00%	\$ 18,553.19
353.4	Wyodak Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 1,714,830.63	2.75%	\$ 47,157.84
	Teckla BHP Inter-Connect	\$ 1,124,308.00	2.75%	\$ 30,918.47
	Bill Durfee Sub 230 kV Equipment	\$ 3,742,973.00	2.75%	\$ 102,931.76
	Total	\$ 21,258,039.25		\$ 586,627.91

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Transmission Material Inventory

13 Month Average Ending March 31, 2016

Inventory Item	Mar-15	Apr-15	May-15	Jun-15	Jul-15
100 MVA Transformer	1,268,772.50	1,268,772.50	1,268,772.50	-	-
7500 KVA Transformer	81,378.96	81,378.96	81,378.96	81,378.96	81,378.96
Breaker	197,254.65	-	-	-	-
Conductor	321,942.28	321,942.28	321,942.28	321,760.94	304,937.89
Crossarm Brace	47,676.86	47,676.86	47,676.86	47,676.86	47,676.86
Crossarms 10'	3,471.76	3,471.76	3,471.76	3,471.76	3,471.76
Crossarms 12'	1,100.97	1,100.97	1,100.97	1,100.97	1,100.97
Crossarms 13'6"	795.63	795.63	795.63	795.63	795.63
Crossarms 19'	675.46	675.46	675.46	675.46	675.46
Crossarms 22'	8,545.69	8,545.69	8,545.69	8,545.69	8,545.69
Crossarms 25'3"	878.97	878.97	878.97	878.97	878.97
Crossarms 8'	2,476.80	2,476.80	2,476.80	2,476.80	2,476.80
CT	100,554.57	100,554.57	100,554.57	100,554.57	100,554.57
Deadend	6,928.24	6,928.24	6,928.24	6,928.24	6,928.24
Double Crossarms 26'	106,017.06	106,017.06	106,017.06	106,017.06	106,017.06
Insulators	9,628.09	9,628.09	9,628.09	9,628.09	7,452.49
Meter Box	4,073.66	4,073.66	4,073.66	4,073.66	4,073.66
Over-Head Guy Wire	2,696.24	2,696.24	2,696.24	2,652.38	3,148.94
Platform	274.49	274.49	274.49	274.49	274.49
POLE CAP 12"	3,966.68	3,966.68	3,966.68	3,966.68	3,966.68
Poles 100'	24,698.53	21,376.51	21,376.51	21,376.51	21,376.51
Poles 105'	69,963.20	69,963.20	69,963.20	69,963.20	69,963.20
Poles 110'	6,377.05	6,377.05	6,377.05	6,377.05	6,377.05
Poles 40'	2,022.23	2,022.23	2,022.23	2,022.23	2,022.23
Poles 45'	1,252.20	1,252.20	1,252.20	1,252.20	1,252.20
Poles 50'	13,513.96	13,513.96	13,513.96	13,513.96	13,513.96
Poles 55'	12,194.90	12,194.90	12,194.90	12,194.90	12,194.90
Poles 60'	66,584.24	61,251.31	61,109.14	60,920.96	60,589.45
Poles 65'	75,194.82	71,617.33	71,555.69	71,464.35	71,464.35
Poles 70'	103,272.56	103,272.56	102,900.22	100,570.57	97,516.58
Poles 75'	80,881.35	80,851.00	80,534.27	80,652.95	80,652.95
Poles 80'	51,741.03	51,741.03	51,499.34	51,646.33	47,077.62
Poles 85'	52,547.61	52,547.61	52,547.61	52,146.63	52,146.63
Poles 90'	62,717.32	62,717.32	60,319.47	60,319.47	60,319.47
Poles 95'	49,021.66	46,608.24	46,608.24	46,608.24	43,183.94
PT	31,363.60	31,363.60	31,363.60	31,363.60	31,363.60
Socket Clevis	1,854.69	1,264.59	1,264.59	1,264.59	1,264.59
Suspension Clamps	4,997.50	4,997.50	4,997.50	4,997.50	4,997.50
Switches	466,488.03	466,488.03	466,488.03	465,592.95	459,694.13
Tie Angle	7,140.00	7,140.00	7,140.00	7,140.00	7,140.00
Yoke Plate	3,230.85	3,230.85	3,230.85	3,230.85	3,230.85
Total	3,356,167	3,143,646	3,140,114	1,867,476	1,831,697

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Transmission Material Inventory
13 Month Average Ending March 31, 2016

Inventory Item	Aug-15	Sep-15	Oct-15	Nov-15	Dec-15
100 MVA Transformer	-	-	-	-	-
7500 KVA Transformer	81,378.96	81,378.96	81,378.96	81,378.96	81,378.96
Breaker	-	-	-	-	-
Conductor	304,937.89	166,318.85	155,219.65	155,219.65	153,568.03
Crossarm Brace	47,676.86	43,342.60	43,342.60	43,342.60	43,342.60
Crossarms 10'	3,471.76	3,471.76	3,471.76	3,471.76	3,471.76
Crossarms 12'	1,100.97	1,100.97	1,100.97	1,100.97	1,100.97
Crossarms 13'6"	795.63	795.63	795.63	795.63	795.63
Crossarms 19'	337.73	337.73	337.73	337.73	337.73
Crossarms 22'	8,545.69	8,545.69	8,545.69	8,545.69	8,545.69
Crossarms 25'3"	-	-	-	-	-
Crossarms 8'	2,476.80	2,476.80	2,476.80	2,476.80	2,476.80
CT	100,554.57	100,554.57	100,554.57	100,554.57	100,554.57
Deadend	6,928.24	6,928.24	6,928.24	6,928.24	6,928.24
Double Crossarms 26'	106,017.06	89,411.98	89,411.98	89,411.98	89,411.98
Insulators	7,452.49	7,452.49	7,452.49	7,452.49	7,452.49
Meter Box	4,073.66	4,073.66	4,073.66	4,073.66	7,410.41
Over-Head Guy Wire	3,148.94	3,148.94	1,686.94	1,686.94	1,686.94
Platform	274.49	274.49	274.49	274.49	274.49
POLE CAP 12"	3,966.68	3,966.68	3,966.68	3,966.68	3,966.68
Poles 100'	21,376.51	21,376.51	21,376.51	21,376.51	21,376.51
Poles 105'	69,963.20	69,963.20	69,963.20	69,963.20	69,963.20
Poles 110'	6,377.05	6,377.05	6,377.05	6,377.05	6,377.05
Poles 40'	2,022.23	2,022.23	2,022.23	2,022.23	2,022.23
Poles 45'	1,252.20	1,252.20	1,252.20	1,252.20	1,252.20
Poles 50'	13,513.96	13,513.96	13,513.96	13,513.96	13,513.96
Poles 55'	11,762.81	11,762.81	11,762.81	11,762.81	11,762.81
Poles 60'	59,755.54	63,607.44	61,227.77	61,227.77	61,227.77
Poles 65'	70,849.98	72,399.85	71,087.86	71,087.86	71,087.86
Poles 70'	96,653.84	101,963.10	98,982.43	98,982.43	98,982.43
Poles 75'	80,336.55	84,206.85	71,691.85	71,691.85	71,691.85
Poles 80'	46,355.68	52,548.20	50,484.03	50,484.03	50,484.03
Poles 85'	52,106.35	54,638.50	54,638.50	54,638.50	54,638.50
Poles 90'	60,319.47	60,319.47	60,319.47	60,319.47	60,319.47
Poles 95'	43,183.94	43,183.94	43,183.94	43,183.94	43,183.94
PT	31,363.60	31,363.60	31,363.60	31,363.60	31,363.60
Socket Clevis	1,264.59	1,264.59	1,264.59	1,264.59	1,264.59
Suspension Clamps	4,997.50	4,997.50	4,997.50	4,997.50	4,997.50
Switches	459,694.13	420,505.87	420,505.87	420,505.87	420,505.87
Tie Angle	7,140.00	5,670.00	5,670.00	5,670.00	5,670.00
Yoke Plate	3,230.85	3,230.85	3,230.85	3,230.85	3,230.85
Total	1,826,658	1,649,748	1,615,935	1,615,935	1,617,620

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Transmission Material Inventory

13 Month Average Ending March 31, 2016

Inventory Item	Jan-16	Feb-16	Mar-16
100 MVA Transformer	-	-	-
7500 KVA Transformer	81,378.96	81,378.96	81,378.96
Breaker			
Conductor	153,568.03	153,568.03	168,344.78
Crossarm Brace	43,342.60	43,342.60	43,033.01
Crossarms 10'	3,471.76	3,471.76	3,086.00
Crossarms 12'	1,100.97	1,100.97	1,100.97
Crossarms 13'6"	795.63	795.63	1,060.84
Crossarms 19'	337.73	337.73	337.73
Crossarms 22'	8,545.69	8,545.69	8,545.69
Crossarms 25'3"			
Crossarms 8'	2,476.80	2,476.80	2,476.80
CT	100,554.57	100,554.57	100,554.57
Deadend	6,928.24	6,928.24	7,006.97
Double Crossarms 26'	89,411.98	89,411.98	88,134.67
Insulators	7,452.49	8,540.29	9,120.45
Meter Box	7,410.41	7,410.41	4,884.69
Over-Head Guy Wire	1,686.94	1,686.94	2,140.16
Platform	274.49	274.49	274.49
POLE CAP 12"	3,966.68	3,966.68	3,987.56
Poles 100'	21,376.51	21,376.51	21,376.51
Poles 105'	69,963.20	69,963.20	69,963.20
Poles 110'	6,377.05	6,377.05	6,377.05
Poles 40'	2,022.23	2,022.23	2,022.23
Poles 45'	1,252.20	1,252.20	1,252.20
Poles 50'	13,513.96	13,513.96	12,802.70
Poles 55'	11,762.81	11,762.81	11,762.81
Poles 60'	61,227.77	61,227.77	58,899.67
Poles 65'	71,087.86	71,087.86	71,087.86
Poles 70'	98,982.43	98,982.43	96,168.52
Poles 75'	71,691.85	71,691.85	73,358.53
Poles 80'	50,484.03	50,484.03	47,270.91
Poles 85'	54,638.50	54,638.50	55,333.11
Poles 90'	60,319.47	60,319.47	60,319.47
Poles 95'	43,183.94	43,183.94	38,809.67
PT	31,363.60	31,363.60	31,363.60
Socket Clevis	1,264.59	1,407.90	1,407.90
Suspension Clamps	4,997.50	4,997.50	4,997.50
Switches	420,505.87	420,505.87	420,505.87
Tie Angle	5,670.00	5,670.00	5,670.00
Yoke Plate	3,230.85	3,230.85	3,230.85
Total	1,617,620	1,618,851	1,619,449

13 month average 2,040,070

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Wages & Salary Allocator

	Transmission	Distribution	A & G	Total
Direct	153,734.09	4,445,044.56	2,792,528.72	7,391,307.37
163.00	2.13	10,638.36	-	10,640.49
184.10	703.02	28,411.71	19,369.41	48,484.14
184.20	111.54	4,507.88	3,073.21	7,692.63
184.30	32,557.83	59,689.36	179,068.08	271,315.27
184.31	4,184.34	7,671.28	23,013.84	34,869.46
184.32	13,070.23	23,962.09	71,886.28	108,918.61
184.40	2,521.86	5,674.20	12,819.48	21,015.54
	\$ 206,885.05	\$ 4,585,599.44	\$ 3,101,759.02	\$ 7,894,243.51

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