

**Docket Number:** EL17-005  
**Subject Matter:** First Data Request  
**Request to:** Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy and Black Hills Electric Cooperative  
**Request from:** South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff  
**Date of Request:** February 14, 2017  
**Responses Due:** February 21, 2017

- 1-1. As the costs associated with a line extension from either company appear to be comparable, what factors besides cost make this service rights exception agreement in the public interest, pursuant to 49-34A-55?
- 1-2. With BHEC already have on existing power line on the property and in close proximity to the build site it would be less expensive for the customer to receive service from BHEC. Also if BHP were to run power to the site it may lead to confusion having two different power company's in such close proximity.
- 1-3. Why is the contribution by the customer the entire cost estimate for the line extension for each company? Is this in keeping with each company's line extension policy?
- 1-4. For BHP the customer's contribution is not the full entire cost for the line extension. We take the estimated cost of construction, then we apply an allowance that we use for all customers. We take the estimated cost of construction minus the allowance equals the customer's contribution for construction.
- 1-5. The costs estimates on the BHP side appear to be incomplete. What is the cost estimate to dig 430' of trench and conduit?
- 1-6. At BHP it's up to the customer to supply the trench and conduit for us, as we don't deal with that we have no idea what the cost estimate would be for that.