

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

**APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS POWER, )  
INC. d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR )  
APPROVAL OF ITS 2017 )  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT )  
ADJUSTMENT )**

**JOINT MOTION FOR  
APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT  
STIPULATION**

**EL17-006  
EL17-008**

**APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS POWER, )  
INC. d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR )  
APPROVAL OF ITS 2017 TRANSMISSION )  
FACILITY ADJUSTMENT )**

Black Hills Power, Inc. and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby file the above-referenced Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all of the issues between these Parties in these proceedings. Confidential elements of the Settlement Stipulation are redacted from the public version, attached. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19;
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all of the issues between these Parties in EL17-006 and EL17-008;
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all of the issues between these Parties in Docket Nos. EL17-006 and EL17-008; and
4. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission to: 1) grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; 2) adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in this proceeding; and 3) enter an order finding that the attached Settlement Stipulation results in just and reasonable rates for customers of Black Hills Power, Inc.

Dated this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2017.

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