

**BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.  
d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY  
SD PUC DOCKET: EL17-009**

REQUEST DATE : March 15, 2017  
RESPONSE DATE : March 29, 2017  
REQUESTING PARTY: Staff

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**SDPUC Request No. 1-3:**

Please refer to page 3 of the filing:

- a) Will there be an application that organizations submit to request grant funds? If so, provide.
- b) What process will BHE use to select projects for economic development grants?
- c) Will there be a grant board? If so, who will sit on the board?
- d) How will organizations and communities in the area be aware of the potential \$50,000 allocated by these grants, especially rural communities?

**Response to SDPUC Request No. 1-3:**

- a) Yes there will be an on-line application process. Each applicant will be required to fill out the on-line application located on the Company's website at [www.blackhillsenergy.com/your-neighborhood/community-programs/community-giving](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/your-neighborhood/community-programs/community-giving).
- b) The grant process will start with each local or regional economic development organization seeking a grant making a presentation of their proposed project or activity to Black Hills' Sr. Manager Community Affairs. If the economic development request meets the basic criteria, the local or regional economic developer will be asked to complete the on-line application located at [www.blackhillsenergy.com/your-neighborhood/community-programs/community-giving](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/your-neighborhood/community-programs/community-giving). After receipt of application, Black Hills Energy's Economic Development Grant Committee will review the application and determine if the application should be approved or denied. After the decision of approve or deny is made, the applicant will be notified of final decision. If approved, a check will be delivered.
- c) Yes, there will be a Grant Committee that will consist of the following members: Black Hills' Vice President, Operations Manager - Black Hills Area, Operations Manager - Rapid City Area, Energy Services Manager, and Sr. Manager Community Affairs.
- d) Black Hills will communicate directly with economic development organizations within the targeted service area. These organizations will receive communication in the form of direct mailing regarding the available funds. The mailing will be distributed after April 1, 2017.

**Attachments:**

None

**Responder:**

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