

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.
d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY
EL19-006

REQUEST DATE : 02/26/19
RESPONSE DATE : 03/12/19
REQUESTING PARTY: Staff

SDPUC Request No. 1.9:

ARSD 20:10:22:13, provides that “the environmental effects shall be calculated to reveal and assess demonstrated or suspected hazards to the health and welfare of human, plant and animal communities which may be cumulative or synergistic consequences of siting the proposed facility in combination with any operating energy conversion facilities, existing or under construction.” Please provide this information.

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The projects physical impact on soil resources due to increased traffic of construction equipment will be mitigated by adopting Best Management Practices and Standard Operating Procedures for soil protection. To ensure impacts to wetlands are minimized or eliminated, Black Hills Power will employ Best Management Practices, Standard Operating Procedures, and provide training to all supervisory construction personnel on the protection of aquatic resources. The primary concern for wildlife impact in the project area is for avian species. To mitigate this impact, Black Hills Power will follow existing roads and quarterlines as well as utilize an Avian Protection Plan. The protection plan includes putting protective equipment on power line poles to avoid electrocution of avian species. No cumulative or synergistic consequences to air quality, aquatic or terrestrial ecosystems are anticipated due to the operation of the proposed Facility. Supporting information for the Project’s environmental effects are documented in sections VIII. Effect on Physical Environment, IX. Hydrology, X. Effect on Terrestrial Ecosystems, and XI. Effect on Aquatic Ecosystems of the Application.

Attachments: None

Responder: Tim Rogers