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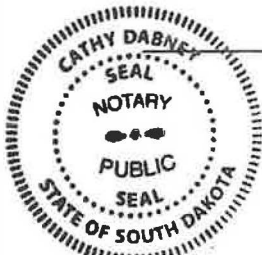
Sheri Sponder being first duly sworn, upon his/her oath says: That he/she is now and was at all time hereinafter mentioned, an employee of the RAPID CITY JOURNAL, a corporation of Rapid City, South Dakota, the owner and publisher of the RAPID CITY JOURNAL, a legal and daily newspaper printed and published in Rapid City, in said County of Pennington, and has full and personal knowledge of all the facts herein stated as follows: that said newspaper is and at all of the times herein mentioned has been a legal and daily newspaper with a bonafide paid circulation of at least Two Hundred copies daily, and has been printed and published in the English language, at and within an office maintained by the owner and publisher thereof, at Rapid City, in said Pennington County, and has been admitted to the United States mail under the second class mailing privilege for at least one year prior to the publication herein mentioned; that the advertisement, a printed copy of which, taken from said Rapid City Journal, the paper in which the same was published, is attached to this sheet and made a part of this affidavit, was published in said paper once each week for two successive weeks, the first publication there of being on the 15th day of Feb 2019 that the fees charged for the publication there of are 106 dollars and 24 cents.

Sheri Sponder

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of March, 2019.

Cathy A. Debney
Notary public

4-16-2024
My commission expires



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PUBLIC HEARING
 On behalf of Black Hills Power, Inc., d/b/a Black Hills Energy, ("Black Hills Power"), notice is hereby given of an upcoming public meeting convened by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("SD PUC") on the Facility Permit application filed for the proposed West Rapid 230/69 kV transmission line and associated substation modification. Pursuant to law, the SD PUC will hold a public meeting to take comments from the public. The meeting will be held:
 Monday, March 18, 2019
 5:30 p.m. MDT
 Ramkota Conference Center
 2111 N. Lacrosse St.
 Rapid City, SD 57701

Black Hills Power will give a short presentation designed to give context to the comments of the public regarding the proposal. Most of the meeting will be reserved for accepting public comments on the proposal. Learn more about the proposal by accessing a copy of the Facility Permit application online at the SD PUC website: <http://puc.sd.gov/Dockets/Electric/2019/EL19-006.aspx> Under state law, (SDCL 49-41B) Black Hills Power must have a permit from the SD PUC prior to beginning construction. Accordingly, the SD PUC will hold further formal proceedings concerning the application. If you wish, you may have the right to become a formal party. The formal hearing will be unlike the public meeting listed above, and instead is considered by the SD PUC to be an 'advisory proceeding,' at which the rules of evidence will be applied. Any formal party has the right to be present and to be represented by a lawyer. Any formal party could appeal from an adverse decision of the SD PUC to Circuit Court and the state Supreme Court. Those rights would be forfeited if not exercised. The date and place for that formal hearing has not yet been set. At the hearing, witnesses will provide sworn testimony and be examined by lawyers for the parties. Additionally, there will be intermediate steps taken prior to that hearing for the parties to prepare, including discovery in the form of written interrogatories and depositions. The SD PUC has a professional staff of lawyers and analysts and engineers to review the application, engage in discovery and take evidence. The SD PUC staff may also contract with a number of outside expert witnesses. Those people will help staff review the application and will provide evidence to commissioners, on behalf of the public. The cost of the staff's time and their expert witnesses is paid for by Black Hills Power, as required by law. Black Hills Power filed a copy of the Facility Permit application with the Pennington County Auditor; it can also be viewed there.

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