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PUBLIC HEARING

On behalf of Black Hills Power, Inc., d/h/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 in 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

Black Hills Power will give a short presentation designed to give context to the comments of the public regarding theproposal. 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 Focility Permit application online at the SD PUC website:

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 conserning the
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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 interrogataries and depositions.

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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 staffs time and their expert witnesses is poid for by Black Hills Power, as required by law.

Black Hills Power filed a copy of the Faccility Permit application with the Pennington County Auditor; it can also be viewed there.

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