BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF **BLACK HILLS POWER INC. DBA BLACK** HILLS ENERGY FOR A FACILITY PERMIT **TO CONSTRUCT A 230 KV TRANSMISSION** LINE AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES IN **PENNINGTON COUNTY**

JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

EL19-006

The Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) and Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills) jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby file this 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 the issues between Staff and Black Hills in this proceeding.

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 issues between Staff and Black Hills in this docket;
- 3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all the issues between Staff and Black Hills in this docket;
- 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 grant the Joint Motion for Approval of the Settlement Stipulation and adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in this proceeding between Staff and Black Hills.

Dated this 20th day of May 2019

Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy

SD Public Utilities Commission Staff

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