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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy for Approval of its 2019 Economic Development Report and 2020 Economic Development Plan  
EL20-008

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On February 28, 2020, Black Hills Power, Inc. (“Black Hills Power”) filed its application in the above referenced matter. It has come to our attention that public exhibits D through G contain confidential bank account numbers that are confidential pursuant to S.D. Codified Laws § 15-15A-8 and S.D. Admin. R. 20:10:01:39(5). Black Hills Power respectfully requests that originally filed exhibits D through G be granted confidential treatment. Redacted public amended versions of exhibits D through G are being filed simultaneously with this petition.

Pursuant to S.D. Admin. R. 20:10:01:41, Black Hills Power, Inc. submits the following justification for confidential treatment of this petition.

**(1) An identification of the document and the general subject matter of the materials or the portions of the document for which confidentiality is being requested;**

Black Hills Power requests confidential treatment on the grounds that the material contains confidential financial information that is not available to the general public.

**(2) The length of time for which confidentiality is being requested and a request for handling at the end of that time. This does not preclude a later request to extend the period of confidential treatment;**

Black Hills Power requests that the petition be recognized as confidential in perpetuity.

**(3) The name, address, and phone number of a person to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request;**

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**(4) The statutory or common law grounds and any administrative rules under which confidentiality is requested. Failure to include all possible grounds for confidential treatment does not preclude the party from raising additional grounds in the future;**

Black Hills Power requests confidential treatment because the information contains confidential financial information. The claim for confidential treatment is based on S.D. Admin. R. 20:10:01:39(5) and S.D. Codified Laws § 15-15A-8.

**(5) The factual basis that qualifies the information for confidentiality under the authority cited.**

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Sincerely,



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Enclosures