

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK )  
HILLS CORPORATION FOR APPROVAL OF )  
AN ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT )  
BETWEEN BLACK HILLS CORPORATION )  
AND SOUTH DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & )  
TECHNOLOGY AND BLACK HILLS STATE )  
UNIVERSITY )

ORDER APPROVING  
CONTRACT WITH  
DEVIATIONS

EL00-014

On May 4, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Black Hills Corporation (BHC) for approval of a contract with deviations to provide electric distribution and supplemental supply services to the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and Black Hills State University (State). This contract will modify and supersede contracts currently serving these customers which are set to expire July 31, 2000. BHC filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 1, Eighth Revised Sheet No. 3, replacing Seventh Revised Sheet No. 3  
Section No. 4, First Revised Sheet No. 6, replacing Original Sheet No. 6

On May 30, 2000, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract with Deviations. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that BHC's request for approval of a Contract with Deviations is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheets are effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2000. It is further

ORDERED, that BHC shall file a class cost of service study showing a comparison of the distribution service and applicable supplemental supply service tariffed rates class before and after the implementation of this tariff change in any future general rate proceeding filed by BHC before the Commission and shall allow this Commission to choose the study, if any, to be used for cost of service.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2000.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: *Nelaine Kelbo*

Date: 6/6/00

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*James A. Burg*  
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

*Pam Nelson*  
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

*Laska Schoenfelder*  
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner