

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR APPROVAL)
OF ITS ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT)
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**ORDER APPROVING)
ELECTRIC COST)
ADJUSTMENT)
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EL10-001**

On January 27, 2010, Black Hills Power, Inc. filed for Commission approval of an increase to its Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA) to be effective on or after March 1, 2010. The ECA consists of a Conditional Energy Cost Adjustment, Transmission Cost Adjustment and Steam Plant Fuel Cost Adjustment. The net of these three adjustments result in an approximate \$ 2,074,000 increase from the current ECA and will affect approximately 63,500 retail customers in South Dakota. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 1

19th Revised Sheet No. 1
15th Revised Sheet No. 3

Canceling 18th Revised Sheet No. 1
Canceling 14th Revised Sheet No. 3

Section No. 3C

3rd Revised Sheet No. 1
3rd Revised Sheet No. 5
2nd Revised Sheet No. 5A
3rd Revised Sheet No. 8
2nd Revised Sheet No. 11

Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 1
Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 5
Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 5A
Canceling 2nd Revised Sheet No. 8
Canceling 1st Revised Sheet No. 11

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.

At its February 23, 2010, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above-referenced tariff sheets. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariffs are approved and are effective for services rendered on and after March 1, 2010.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of March, 2010.

<p>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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, electronically.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Stephanie A. Moore</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>03/01/10</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner