

**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 ENVIRONMENTAL)
IMPROVEMENT ADJUSTMENT)**

**ORDER ASSESSING
FILING FEE**

EL12-029

On April 16, 2012, Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) filed an Application for Environmental Improvement Adjustment (Application) requesting approval by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) of BHP's revised Environmental Improvement Adjustment (EIA). The Application includes BHP's proposed second year revenue requirement and customer rates for the environmental improvements made to the Wyodak Power Plant, along with the project cost true-up and an annual true-up in accordance with the process approved in Docket EL11-001. The Company proposes a June 1, 2012, effective date.

On April 19, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 4, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions to intervene were filed.

SDCL 49-1A-8 authorizes the Commission to require a deposit of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in the Commission's regulatory assessment fee fund to defray expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A and 49-34A.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 8, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously that pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8, BHP shall be assessed a filing fee as requested by Commission Staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000.00, It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP shall be assessed a filing fee not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of May, 2012.

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, electronically.

By: [Signature]

Date: 5/10/12

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

[Signature: Chris Nelson]

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

[Signature: Kristie Fiegen]

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

[Signature: Gary Hanson]

GARY HANSON, Commissioner