

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA )  
BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR )  
APPROVAL OF 2017 TRANSMISSION )  
FACILITY ADJUSTMENT )**

**ORDER ASSESSING  
FILING FEE  
  
EL17-006**

On February 15, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) for approval of its 2017 Transmission Facilities Adjustment (TFA). BHE seeks approval of the annual true-up of the actual amounts collected in the third year of the TFA, as approved in Docket EL16-005, and the forecasted recovery of revenue requirements associated with the fourth year of the TFA. BHE proposes TFA rates effective June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2018. Approximately 68,000 South Dakota customers will be affected by the TFA rate change. The bill increase for a typical residential customer averaging 650 kWh per month will be approximately 0.02%.

On February 16, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 3, 2017, to interested persons and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4.

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 Commission expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee as requested by Commission Staff up to the statutory limit of \$50,000 to account for actual expenses incurred in review of this filing commencing from the filing date. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that BHE shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission commencing from the filing date not to exceed \$50,000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2017.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam DeHueck</u>
Date: <u>3/1/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner