

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )</b>	<b>ORDER ASSESSING</b>
<b>OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA )</b>	<b>FILING FEE</b>
<b>BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR )</b>	
<b>APPROVAL OF ITS 2017 )</b>	<b>EL17-008</b>
<b>ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT )</b>	
<b>ADJUSTMENT )</b>	

On February 15, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received and Application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) for approval of its 2017 Environmental Improvement Adjustment (EIA). BHE seeks approval of its proposal for the annual true-up of EIA revenue requirement from June 1, 2016, through May 31, 2017, as approved in Docket EL16-006, and the forecasted recovery of EIA revenue requirement associated with eligible environmental improvements from June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2018. The Company proposes EIA rates effective June 1, 2017, through May 31, 2018. Approximately 68,000 South Dakota retail customers are affected by the EIA rate change. The average bill impact for a typical residential electric customer using 650 kWh is approximately 0.03%.

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-97 through 49-34A-100.

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.

<p><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></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 or by mail.</p> <p>By: <u>Adam Detfueck</u></p> <p>Date: <u>3/1/17</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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**BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:**

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner