

**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 A REVISION TO THE ) ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS ) ADJUSTMENT RATES )	ORDER APPROVING ENERGY ) EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS PLAN ) STATUS REPORT FOR PROGRAM ) YEAR 2016 AND UPDATED EESA ) COST RECOVERY FACTORS )
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**EL17-045**

On October 16, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHP) requesting approval of a revision to its Energy Efficiency Solutions Adjustment (EESA) Rates. BHP requests approval to reduce its EESA rates effective December 1, 2017. Specifically, BHP proposes to reduce the residential service EESA rate of \$0.0007/kWh to \$0.0003/kWh and the commercial and industrial service EESA rate of \$0.0013/kWh to \$0.0012/kWh. BHP also filed its Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report for Program Year 2016 and Balancing Account for Program Year 2016.

On October 18, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of November 3, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On October 30, November 13 and November 17, 2017, BHP filed responses to Commission staff's data requests. On November 17, 2017, BHP filed the following revised tariff sheets for Commission approval.

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 3C	
Twenty-First Revised Sheet No. 11	Cancels Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 11
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 21	Cancels Fifth Revised Sheet No. 21

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 21, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the PY 2016 Status Report; the balancing account for PY 2016 fixed percentage incentive recovery of \$230,039; and the proposed revised EESA rates of \$0.0003/kWh for residential service and \$0.0012/kWh for commercial and industrial service and the associated tariff sheets with an effective date of December 1, 2017. After considering this matter, the Commission voted unanimously to approve BHP's filing as per Commission staff's recommendations. It is therefore

**ORDERED**, that BHP's status report for Program Year 2016 and the balancing account for Program Year 2016, including the Program Year 2016 fixed percentage incentive recovery of \$230,039, are approved. It is further

**ORDERED**, that the proposed EESA rates of \$0.0003/kWh for residential service and \$0.0012/kWh for commercial and industrial services are approved, effective December 1, 2017. It is further

ORDERED, that the tariff sheets referenced above are hereby approved effective for services rendered on and after December 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2017.

<p style="text-align: center;"><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>Karen E. Bremer</u></p> <p>Date: <u>11/27/17</u></p> <p style="text-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