

**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)
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT)
ADJUSTMENT)**

**ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION
FOR APPROVAL
OF AMENDMENT TO
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION**

EL17-008

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 Environmental Improvement Adjustment (EIA). On June 9, 2017, BHE and Commission staff (staff) filed a Settlement Stipulation and Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation on June 20, 2017. On May 1, 2018, BHE and staff filed an Amendment to Settlement Stipulation and Joint Motion for Approval of Amendment to Settlement Stipulation. Staff also filed a staff Memorandum Supporting Amendment to Settlement Stipulation on May 1, 2018.

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. As of the date of this order, no petitions to intervene or comments had been filed. On March 1, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On March 29, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Suspending Operation of Rate Schedule. On June 20, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. On May 1, 2018 a Joint Motion for Approval of Amendment to Settlement Stipulation, Amendment to Settlement Stipulation, and Staff Memorandum Supporting Amendment to Settlement Stipulation were filed with the Commission.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-97 through 49-34A-100, and ARSD 20:10:01:19.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. Having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket, the Commission found that the terms and conditions proposed in the Amendment to Settlement Stipulation were just, reasonable, and in the public interest and that good and sufficient cause was demonstrated to approve the Amendment to Settlement Stipulation. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of the Amendment to the Settlement Stipulation. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Approval of Amendment to Settlement Stipulation is granted. The Amendment to Settlement Stipulation is incorporated by reference into this Order the same as if it had been set forth in its entirety herein.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of May 2018.

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 or by mail.
By: <u>Adam de Huelde</u>
Date: <u>5/16/18</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson
Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner
Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner