

**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 ITS)
2017 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT)
AND 2018 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN)

**ORDER APPROVING 2017
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2018 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL18-009

On March 1, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) requesting approval of its 2017 Economic Development Report and its 2018 Economic Development Plan and Budget in compliance with the settlement stipulation in Docket EL14-026.

On March 8, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 23, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 16, 2018, BHE responded to Commission staff's data request.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 15, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve BHE's 2017 Economic Development Report and the 2018 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's 2017 Economic Development Report and 2018 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

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: Adrienne Hueck

Date: 5/16/18

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner