

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR)
APPROVAL OF TRANSMISSION)
FACILITIES ADJUSTMENT)
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)**

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

EL14-013

On February 14, 2014, Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) filed an Application for Transmission Facilities Adjustment (TFA) with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission). BHP proposed to recover approximately \$586,000 associated with two 69 kV transmission rebuild projects. BHP proposes TFA rates effective June 1, 2014, through May 31, 2015. Approximately 65,000 South Dakota customers would be affected by the TFA rate change. The bill increase for a typical residential customer averaging 650 kWh per month would be approximately \$0.26 or 0.3%.

On February 20, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 7, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On March 5, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On May 7, 2014, a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, Settlement Stipulation, and Staff Memorandum Supporting Settlement Stipulation were filed with the Commission.

The revised tariff sheet attached to the Settlement Stipulation effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2014, is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 3C

First Revised Sheet No. 22

Cancels Original Sheet No. 22

As proposed in its application, BHP will submit the following revised tariff sheet effective for service rendered on and after June 1, 2014, in a compliance filing:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 3C

Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 11

Cancels Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 11

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A, 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-25.1 through 49-34A-25.4, and ARSD 20:10:01:19 and 20:10:13:19.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 13, 2014, the Commission considered this matter. Having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket, the Commission found that the terms and conditions proposed in the Settlement Stipulation were just, reasonable, and in the public interest and that good and sufficient cause was demonstrated to approve the Settlement

Stipulation. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of the Settlement Stipulation. It is therefore

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

ORDERED, that the aforementioned tariff sheets are approved with an effective date of June 1, 2014.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 16th day of May, 2014.

<p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</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.</p> <p>By: <u>Joy Lashley</u></p> <p>Date: <u>5.16.14</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner