

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR APPROVAL TO)
EXTEND ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS)
PLAN)**

**ORDER APPROVING)
EXTENSION OF ENERGY)
EFFICIENCY PLAN)**

EL14-038

On April 30, 2014, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) for Approval to Extend its Energy Efficiency Solutions Plan (Application). In the Application, BHP requested that the Commission approve a three month extension of its current Energy Efficiency Solutions Plan (EESP) and Energy Efficiency Solutions Adjustment (EESA) rate. The Commission approved the previous EESP and EESA to be effective through May 31, 2014, in docket EL11-002. BHP requested an extension of the EESP and EESA in order to provide the company with adequate time to fully evaluate the existing programs and prepare a complete application for a new 2014-2016 EESP. The requested extension also resulted in an adjustment to the EESA tariff to reflect the extended recovery period. The revised tariff sheet is:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book
Section No. 3C
Second Revised Sheet No. 21

Cancels First Revised Sheet No. 21

On May 1, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Application and an amended intervention deadline of May 12, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions for intervention or comments were filed. The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction in 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 May 13, 2014, the Commission considered BHP's Application. Commission Staff recommended that the Commission approve the extension of the current EESP and EESA rate and revised tariff sheet. Finding that BHP's Application meets the standards set for in SDCL 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, and 49-34A-8.4, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the extension of BHP's EESP and EESA rate and revised tariff sheet. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP's request for extension of its current Energy Efficiency Solutions Plan (EESP) and Energy Efficiency Solutions Adjustment (EESA) rate through August 31, 2014, is hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced revised tariff sheet is approved, effective June 1, 2014.

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

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.
By: <u>Joy Lashley</u>
Date: <u>05.16.14</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner