

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR) APPROVAL OF ENERGY EFFICIENCY) PROGRAMS, TARIFFS, AND COST) RECOVERY MECHANISM) | ORDER APPROVING ENERGY EFFICIENCY PLAN EL14-038 |
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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. In this filing, 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. On May 16, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Approving Extension of Energy Efficiency Plan extending the EESP and EESA then in force through August 31, 2014. On June 30, 2014, BHP filed an Application for Energy Efficiency Program Extension (Application) requesting approval to modify and extend the EESP from September 1, 2014, to November 30, 2017, true-up and approval of costs and financial incentives from September, 2011 through April, 2014, and approval of revisions to the following EESA tariff sheets with an effective date of September 1, 2014:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 3C

Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 11

Third Revised Sheet No. 21

Cancels Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 11

Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 21

On May 1, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 16, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On July 3, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and an amended intervention deadline of July 18, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, particularly 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. On August 15, 2014, BHP filed its responses to Commission Staff's first set of data requests. On August 18, 2014, Commission Staff filed a Staff Memorandum containing analyses and recommendations for Docket EL14-038. On August 19, 2014, Commission Staff filed an Amended Staff Memorandum with a correction to footnote 6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 19, 2014, the Commission considered BHP's Application. Commission Staff recommended that the Commission approve BHP's EESP costs and financial incentives from September 2011 through April 2014, BHP's EESP for 2014 through 2016, and BHP's proposed EESA tariff revisions. Finding that BHP's Application meets the standards set forth in the statutes cited above and that the true up, approval, and program

adjustments are just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve BHP's EESP costs and financial incentives from September 2011 through April 2014, BHP's 2014-2016 EESP, and BHP's proposed tariff changes. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP's EESP costs and financial incentives from September 2011 through April 2014 are approved. It is further

ORDERED, that BHP's 2014-2016 EESP is approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced revised tariff sheets documenting a residential services EESA rate of \$0.0002/kWh and a commercial and industrial EESA rate of \$0.0000/kWh are approved, effective September 1, 2014.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 26th day of August, 2014.

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| 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>8.26.14</u> |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) | |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner