

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER GRANTING PARTY
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR A)	STATUS AND INTERVENTION
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT A 230 KV)	
TRANSMISSION LINE FROM)	EL14-061
NORTHEASTERN WYOMING TO THE)	
RAPID CITY AREA IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	

On June 30, 2014, Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP), a South Dakota corporation, filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for a 230-kV Transmission Line and Associated Substation Modification Facility Permit (Application). The Application requests Commission approval of a permit to construct the South Dakota portion of an approximately 144-mile long 230-kilovolt (kV) transmission line to connect the Teckla Substation in Campbell County, Wyoming to the Osage Substation in Weston County, Wyoming and the Lange Substation in Pennington County, South Dakota near Rapid City. The South Dakota portion of the project (Project) consists of approximately 45.4 miles of 230-kV transmission line from the South Dakota/Wyoming border in Pennington County to the Lange Substation near Rapid City and modifications to the Lange Substation to accommodate the new transmission facility.

On July 2, 2014, a Notice of Application; Order for and Notice of Public Hearing; Notice of Opportunity to Apply for Party Status was served by mail on the Pennington County Commission and the Rapid City Council and Mayor and electronically on the Pennington County Auditor. On July 3, 2014, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Application and the intervention deadline of August 29, 2014, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On August 10, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee. On September 4, 2014, the Commission issued an Order Granting Party Status and Intervention to Ruby B. Matejcek, Victoria Leonard, GCC Dacotah, Inc., Michael Lewis, Stephen Vadney, Dave Riemenschneider, Barbara Anderson Lewis, and Robert Varilek/AW LLC. On September 5, 2014, Barton Banks filed an Application for Party Status. On September 8, 2014, James S. Hodgen's filed an Application for Party Status.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B, particularly 49-41B-17, and ARSD Chapter 20:10:22, specifically 20:10:22:40.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 16, 2014, the Commission considered Barton Banks and James S. Hodgen's Applications for Party Status. BHP did not object. The Commission voted unanimously to grant intervention and party status to Barton Banks and James S. Hodgen.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Applications for Party Status of Barton Banks and James S. Hodgen are hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of September, 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>9.18.14</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