

**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 ITS 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL) IMPROVEMENT ADJUSTMENT)	ORDER ASSESSING FILING FEE EL15-008
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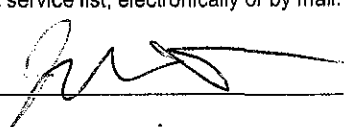
On February 13, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) for Approval of its 2015 Environmental Improvement Adjustment (EIA). BHP is proposing to include costs related to the Wyodak Mercury Control Project and the Wygen III CO and O₂ Grid Installation project. BHP proposes a June 1, 2015, effective date. Approximately 66,000 South Dakota retail customers are affected by the EIA rate change. The annual net increase in the cost of service as proposed by BHP is approximately \$161,000. The average bill impact for a typical residential electric customer using 650 kWh is an increase of approximately \$0.08 per month.

On February 19, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 6, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 and 49-34A-97 through 49-34A-100.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on March 2, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff requested that the Commission assess a filing fee of up to fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) as authorized by SDCL 49-1A-8 to defray expenses incident to analyzing and ruling upon this type of filing. The Commission voted unanimously to assess a filing fee for actual expenses incurred in the review of this filing up to the statutory limit of \$50,000. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP shall be assessed a filing fee pursuant to SDCL 49-1A-8 for actual expenses incurred by the Commission not to exceed \$50,000.

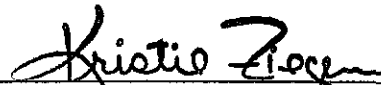
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 3rd day of March, 2015.

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.
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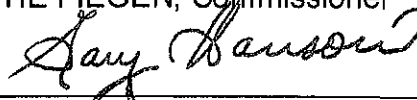
BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



CHRIS NELSON, Chairman



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner



GARY HANSON, Commissioner