

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING OF)
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR)
APPROVAL OF ITS 2015 ECONOMIC)
DEVELOPMENT PLAN)
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**ORDER APPROVING 2015
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN
AND BUDGET

EL15-012**

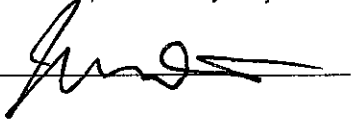
On April 1, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) requesting approval of its 2015 Economic Development Plan and Budget. This filing is made in accordance with the approved Amended Settlement Stipulation in Docket EL14-026. The Amended Settlement Stipulation requires BHP to provide an annual report that describes the costs, design, and benefit of its economic development program. On April 2, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 17, 2015, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On May 8, 2015, BHP responded to staff's data requests 1-1 through 1-8.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 26, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of BHP's proposed Economic Development Plan and Budget for 2015. After review of the application, the Commission found it to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve BHP's 2015 Economic Development Plan and Budget. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP's 2015 Economic Development Plan and Budget are approved as filed, with the customer contribution limited as provided in the Amended Settlement Stipulation as set forth in the Plan.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of May, 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 EIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner