

**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 THE FILING DATE OF ITS ) ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS ) PLAN STATUS REPORTS AND ) UPDATED EESA COST RECOVERY ) FACTORS )	<b>ORDER APPROVING EXTENSION FOR FILING ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS PLAN STATUS REPORTS AND UPDATED EESA COST RECOVERY FACTORS</b>
	<b>EL15-042</b>

On October 8, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) for approval to extend the filing date of its Energy Efficiency Solutions Plan Status Reports and Updated Energy Efficiency Solutions Cost Recovery Factors. In Docket EL14-038, the Commission approved BHP's Energy Efficiency Solutions Plan (EESP) and associated tariff sheets. The tariff sheets in that docket identified that BHP would file updated Energy Efficiency Solutions Adjustment (EESA) Rates with the Commission by October 15 of each year and that the EESA rates would have an effective date of December 1 for each year. In its application, BHP requests an extension until October 31, 2015, to file: 1) the status report for Plan Year 3 (ending August 31, 2014) of the EESP approved in Docket EL11-002; 2) the status report for Plan Year 1 (ending August 31, 2015) of the currently effective EESP approved in docket EL14-038; and 3) the updated residential and commercial/industrial EESA rates.

On October 15, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 28, 2015, 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 over 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 October 29, 2015, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of an extension until October 31, 2015, to file: 1) the status report for Plan Year 3 (ending August 31, 2014) of the EESP approved in Docket EL11-002; 2) the status report for Plan Year 1 (ending August 31, 2015) of the currently effective EESP approved in docket EL14-038; and 3) the updated residential and commercial/industrial EESA rates. Staff further recommended that the Commission allow the current EESA rates to remain in effect until the Commission orders otherwise. After considering this matter, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the requested extension.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP's request to extend the filing date of its Energy Efficiency Solution Plan Reports and updated Energy Efficiency Solutions Adjustment cost recovery factors until October 31, 2015, is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the current Energy Efficiency Solution Adjustment rates set forth in the Third Revised Sheet No. 21 of Section No. 3C of BHP's South Dakota Electric Rate Book will remain in effect until the Commission orders otherwise.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of November, 2015.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>
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.
By: <u>Rolayne West</u>
Date: <u>11-2-15</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner