

**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 TARIFF  
REVISIONS TO ITS LINE EXTENSION POLICY AND  
SECONDARY SERVICE VOLTAGE OPTIONS** )

**ORDER APPROVING  
TARIFF REVISIONS**

**EL15-049**

On December 4, 2015, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) to revise Section 5 (Rules and Regulations) of its South Dakota electric tariff to reflect changes to the line extension policy and secondary service voltage options. BHP requests the tariff revisions become effective on March 1, 2016. On January 27, 2016, and February 2, 2016, BHP responded to Staff's data requests. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

SOUTH DAKOTA ELECTRIC RATE BOOK

Section No. 5:

Third Revised Sheet No. 17	Replaces Second Revised Sheet No. 17
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 23	Replaces Third Revised Sheet No. 23
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 24	Replaces Third Revised Sheet No. 24
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 25	Replaces Fourth Revised Sheet No. 25
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 26	Replaces Third Revised Sheet No. 26
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 27	Replaces Third Revised Sheet No. 27

On December 10, 2015, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of December 28, 2015, to interested entities and persons 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 ARSD 20:10:13:26 and SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-12.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 26, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions effective March 1, 2016. Finding the proposed revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the tariff revisions. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP's request to revise its Section 5 (Rules and Regulations) of its South Dakota electric tariff to reflect changes to the line extension policy and secondary service voltage options is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-mentioned tariff revisions are approved, effective for services rendered on and after March 1, 2016.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 29th day of February, 2016.

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.	
By:	<u>Karen E. Ormer</u>
Date:	<u>2/29/2016</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner