

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION )  
OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA )  
BLACK HILLS ENERGY'S APPLICATION )  
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2015 ECONOMIC )  
DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND 2016 )  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN )

**ORDER APPROVING 2015  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
REPORT AND 2016 ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**EL16-007**

On March 1, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE), requesting approval of its 2015 Economic Development Report and its 2016 Economic Development Plan.

On March 3, 2016, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 18, 2016, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On March 24, 2016, BHE responded to staff's data request.

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 April 27, 2016, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve BHE's 2015 Economic Development Report and the 2016 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's 2015 Economic Development Report and 2016 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of May, 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: Rosalynne West

Date: 5-2-16

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner