

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION ELECTRIFICATION OF TRANSPORTATION INVESTIGATION</b>	) ) ) ) )	<b>DOCKET NO. AA22-002</b>
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**RESPONSE TO ORDER REQUESTING COMMENTS ON MEASURES TO PROMOTE  
GREATER ELECTRIFICATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION SECTOR**

Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“Black Hills Power”), a South Dakota corporation, respectfully submits its responses to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in the above referenced matter, as ordered at its regularly scheduled meeting on July 19, 2022.

**a. A report of existing measures used to promote electrification of the transportation sector by the electric public utility.**

**Response:** Black Hills Power has offered and paid rebates through its Ready EV program to residential and commercial customers since January 2020. The cash rebates are to cover a significant portion of the cost of electric vehicle charging equipment and installation. Program details are attached as Exhibit 1 – Ready EV Rebate Program. Black Hills Power promotes the Ready EV program through its website, social media, and by participating in community events.

**b. Existing rate mechanisms that:**

- 1. Promote affordable and equitable electric charging options, if any.**
- 2. Improve customer experience associated with charging, if any.**
- 3. Accelerate third-party investment, if any.**
- 4. And appropriately recover the marginal costs of delivering electricity to electric vehicles and electric vehicle infrastructure, if any.**

**Response:** Black Hills Power does not currently have any existing rate mechanism related specifically to electric vehicle charging options.

- c. **Previous actions taken by the Public Utilities Commission or State Legislature to implement the standard or a comparable standard, if any.**

**Response:** Black Hills Power is not aware of any South Dakota Public Utility Commission or State Legislative standard implemented.

- d. **Appropriate measures to promote greater electrification of the transportation sector, if any.**

**Response:** Black Hills Power believes that the development of rates that encourage residential and commercial customers to shift electric vehicle charging to off-peak hours as-well-as timely recovery of electric vehicle charging equipment and installation costs would allow the company to better promote and incentivize electrification of the transportation sector.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2022.

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