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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK )	ORDER APPROVING
HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR )	CONTRACT WITH
APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH )	DEVIATION
DEVIATION. )	EL95-030

On September 29, 1995, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Black Hills Power and Light Company (BHP&L) for approval of an Energy Storage Service (ESS) Contract between BHP&L and Pennington County, South Dakota. According to its filing, the ESS Contract is for electric service to Pennington County's new ice storage cooling system at its Courthouse Complex. BHP&L is requesting a "Contract with Deviation" approval due to a \$50 additional charge that covers the cost and operation of a special subtractive metering installation. The necessary metering equipment has been installed and BHP&L would like to begin recovering the cost of the special metering installation. BHP&L filed the following tariff sheets for Commission approval:

- Section No. 1, Fourth Revised Sheet No. 3
- Section No. 4, Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1

On December 12, 1995, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract with Deviation. Commission staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that BHP&L's request for approval of a Contract with Deviation due to an additional charge that covers the cost and operation of the special subtractive metering installation is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED that the request seeking approval of a Contract with Deviation is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED that the above referenced tariff sheets are effective for service rendered on and after the date of this Order.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of December, 1995

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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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes with charges prepaid thereon.	
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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 KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

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