

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK HILLS )  
POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY OF ITS 1996 )  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN )  
)

ORDER APPROVING  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
PLAN  
EL95-032

On November 1, 1995, Black Hills Power & Light Company (BHPL) filed for approval by the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) its 1996 Economic Development Plans. The proposed plan was filed in accordance with the Settlement Agreement reached between BHPL and Commission Staff in the company's most recent rate case (EL95-003) which was approved by the Commission on July 19, 1995.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on November 21, 1995, the Commission considered BHPL's proposed plan. Ev Hoyt, CEO of BHPL, explained the proposed plan. Commission Staff recommended approval contingent upon the company filing periodic reports and also their seeking Commission approval as to any project that exceeds \$5,000.00.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically SDCL 49-34A-6 and 49-34A-26. After its review, the Commission found that the plan is just and reasonable and shall be approved.

ORDERED that BHPL's 1996 Economic Development Plan shall be approved as filed; it is

FURTHER ORDERED that BHPL shall file with the Commission periodic updates with respect to programs incorporated into the plan.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of December, 1995.

<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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.	
By:	<u>Kenneth Stofferahn</u>
Date:	<u>12/21/95</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kenneth Stofferahn  
KENNETH STOFFERAHN, Chairman

James A. Burg  
JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner