

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc., a South Dakota corporation, for Authority to Increase Rates

Docket No: EL09-018

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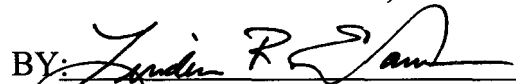
**CERTIFICATION REGARDING WYGEN III**

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Linden R. Evans, the President and Chief Operating Officer for Utilities, Black Hills Corporation, does here by certify on behalf of Black Hills Power, Inc. as follows:

1. Construction of the Wygen III power plant is presently 99% complete and is on schedule for Wygen III to be in commercial operation and in-service on or before April 1, 2010.
2. Black Hills Power, Inc. shall file with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission a certification at such time as Wygen III becomes in-service and is placed in commercial operation.

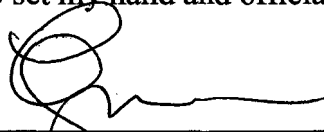
**BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.**

BY:   
ITS President & C.O.O.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA )  
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COUNTY OF MINNEHAHA )

On this 9<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2010, before me, the undersigned officer, Linden R. Evans personally appeared who acknowledged himself to be the President and Chief Operating Officer for Utilities, Black Hills Corporation, a South Dakota Corporation, and that as such officer being authorized so to do, executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes therein contained, on behalf of Black Hills Power, Inc.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal.



Notary Public - South Dakota  
My Commission Expires: 7-24-2011

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