## 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

## **CERTIFICATION REGARDING IN-SERVICE DATE OF WYGEN III**

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:

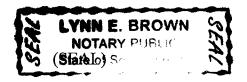
- 1. Construction of the Wygen III power plant is complete.
- 2. Wygen III is in-service and is placed in commercial operation on the  $1^{st}$  day of April, 2010.

Dated this  $15^{\pm}$  day of 2010.

**BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.** an ITS President & C.O.O.

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA ) : SS COUNTY OF <u>Permination</u> ) On this  $\underline{I}^{\underline{s}\underline{t}}$  day of <u>April</u> , 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: 6-27-2012