

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS)	Docket No. EL09-018
POWER, INC., FOR AUTHORITY TO)	
INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC RATES)	JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
)	SETTLEMENT STIPULATION

COME NOW, Black Hills Power, Inc. (“BHP”), and the Countertops, Inc., d/b/a Dakota Panel South Dakota, GCC Dacotah, Inc., Rushmore Forest Products, Inc., Sanford Underground Laboratory, Spearfish Forest Products, Inc., and Rapid City Regional Hospital, Inc., collectively the Black Hills Industrial Intervenors (“BHII”), jointly referred to as “Parties,” and request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) adopt the attached confidential Settlement Agreement (“Settlement Agreement”) as the settlement and resolution of the issues between the Parties. The Settlement Agreement is being filed on a Confidential basis.

In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

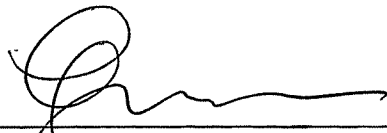
1. This Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Agreement represents a negotiated settlement of the issues between the Parties.

The terms of the Settlement Agreement agreed upon are just, fair and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law. The Parties respectfully request that the Commission approve the Settlement Agreement.

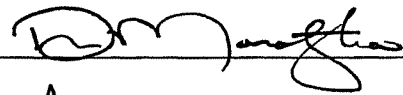
WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly request the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission to adopt and approve the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purposes of resolving the issues between the Parties.

Dated this 28th day of May, 2010.

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

By: 
Its: Attorney

Black Hills Industrial Intervenors ("BHII")

By: 
Its: Attorney