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Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Executive Director Van Gerpen:

Enclosed for filing is a petition seeking approval for an environmental improvement cost recovery tariff and adjustment mechanism for Black Hills Power, Inc.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (605)721-2748.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Kilpatrick'.

Chris Kilpatrick

Enclosure