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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
Capital Building, 1st floor
500 E. Capital Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Docket No. EL11-002 - In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Approval of Energy Efficiency Programs, Tariffs, and Cost Recovery Mechanism

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

As provided in the Order, dated July 7, 2011, to the above reference docket, Black Hills Power (BHP) approval of Black Hills Power's Energy Efficiency Solutions Plan was granted with a program launch date of September 1, 2011 and end May 31, 2012. In addition, the approved Original Tariff Sheet No. 21 - Energy Efficiency Solutions Adjustment (EESA) states the following: "After the first period effective date of September 1, 2011 to coincide with the implementation of the energy efficiency solutions programs, the EESA will be updated and filed by April 30th each year thereafter with the effective date of June 1st."

Since the Energy Efficiency Solutions Plan's first program year will not be completed until August 30, 2012, BHP will not seek a change to the first year EESA rates at this time. BHP will make a filing with the Commission for updated and revised EESA rates on or before April 30, 2013, based on full first year actual program costs and results, current actual revenue recoveries from customers, and updated year two and three energy efficiency program budgets.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Chris Kilpatrick