

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION  
FOR DECLARATORY RULING OF  
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.**

Docket No: EL 11-007

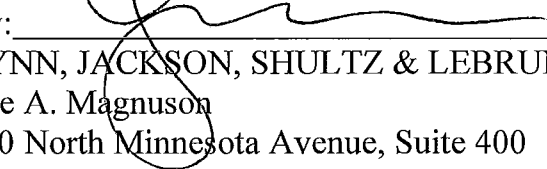
**BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.'S CONSENT TO EXTEND TIME**

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Black Hills Power, Inc. ("BHP") filed its Petition for Declaratory Ruling ("Petition") with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") on April 28, 2011, and requested therein an expedited hearing and decision by September 1, 2011.

Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:35, unless BHP agrees to a longer period of time, the Commission "shall issue its declaratory ruling within 60 days after the filing of the petition or within 60 days following the receipt of further requested information." Consistent with its Petition and discussions with the Commission Staff ("Staff"), BHP does hereby consent, pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:35, to the extension of time to September 1, 2011 for the Commission to issue its declaratory ruling on BHP's Petition.

Dated this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2011.

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