

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA  
BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC., FOR )  
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS ELECTRIC )  
RATES )

Docket No. EL12-061

**JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF  
SETTLEMENT STIPULATION**

COME NOW, Black Hills Power, Inc. ("BHP"), and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission Staff"), jointly referred to as "Parties," and request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation ("Settlement Stipulation") as the settlement and resolution of all of the issues in this proceeding.

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 Stipulation represents a negotiated settlement of all of the issues in Docket No. EL12-061.

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

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned parties jointly request the Commission to: 1) adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purposes of resolving all issues in this rate proceeding, and 2) enter an Order finding that the attached Settlement Stipulation results in just and reasonable rates for customers of Black Hills Power, Inc.

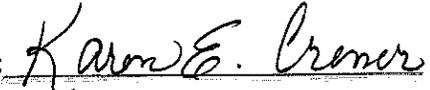
Dated this 6<sup>th</sup> day of September 2013.

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

By: 

Its: Attorney

SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES  
COMMISSION STAFF

By: 

Its: Staff Attorney