

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

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In the Matter of the Application  
of Black Hills Power, Inc. for  
the Phase in of Rates Regarding  
Construction Financing Costs of  
Cheyenne Prairie Generating  
Station

Docket No. EL12-062

**PETITION TO INTERVENE  
OF PETE LIEN & SONS, INC.**

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Pete Lien & Sons, Inc. (“PLS”) hereby petitions to intervene as a party in the above entitled matter. It will join GCC Dacotah, Inc.; Rushmore Forest Products, Inc.; Spearfish Forest Products, Inc.; and Rapid City Regional Hospital, Inc. (collectively “Black Hills Intervenors” or “BHI”), a group that petitioned to intervene on January 8, 2013.

PLS began as a small rock quarry operation, located in the foothills of the Black Hills, near Rapid City, South Dakota. The company was founded by Pete Lien and his two sons, Chuck and Bruce, in 1944. While the company owed its early success to business generated by the nearby Rapid City Army Air Base and later to the building of the interstate highway system, it has grown through the careful acquisition of reserves and existing companies into a privately held corporation with holdings throughout an eight-state region. Through the 60-year history of the company, PLS’ core business has been mining, primarily limestone. The original quarry that Pete Lien bought from his supplier has been mined and reclaimed. The company has since purchased additional reserves and presently has active mines in northern Colorado, western South Dakota, and eastern Wyoming. The mined product supplies PLS’ lime and concrete plants, local road contractors, and local homeowners.

PLS seeks to intervene in this matter because the proposed rate increase of Black Hills Power, Inc. (“BHP”), will greatly increase its cost of doing business. PLS believes its interests in this proceeding are unique and may well not be adequately addressed by other intervenors.

PLS' participation in this matter as a member of BHI's group will not disadvantage or burden any other party. Therefore, PLS asks that its petition be granted.

Respectfully submitted,

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