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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen, Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
State Capitol Building  
500 East Capitol Avenue  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

**Re: APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC., FOR THE PHASE IN OF  
RATES REGARDING CONSTRUCTION FINANCING COSTS O  
CHEYENNE PRAIRIE GENERATING STATION  
Docket EL12-062  
Our File No. 520487.0006**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

Black Hills Power, Inc., submitted its application to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission for the phase in of rates regarding construction financing costs of Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station on December 17, 2012. The Commission issued its ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF HEARING ("Order") in this matter on April 29, 2013.

Several modifications to the procedural schedule has been stipulated to by the parties to allow for settlement discussions to proceed without simultaneously having to contend with testimony deadlines. The Company and Commission Staff, and the Black Hills Industrial Intervenors (BHII) now have settlement agreements in principle. The Company requests that the procedural schedule in this case be suspended while the parties finalize the settlement documents for submission.

The Company has discussed this proposal with Commission Staff, and BHII and it is our understanding that Staff and BHII support our requested suspension. Should you have any questions regarding our request, please contact me at (605) 978-5200.

Sincerely,

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