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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Avenue
Pierre, SD 57501

**Re: In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. for Authority to
Increase its Electric Rates
Docket No. EL14-026**

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On April 1, 2015, the Black Hills Industrial Intervenors (“BHII”), by and through counsel, and pursuant to South Dakota Administrative Rules (“ARSD”) § 20.10.01:30.01, submitted a Petition for Rehearing and Reconsideration (the “Petition”) of the South Dakota Public Utility Commission’s decision in the above-referenced docket, issued at its public meeting on March 2, 2015. In the Petition, BHII specifically reserved the right to supplement or amend its Petition to clarify and provide additional specificity with respect to the requests set forth therein after the Commission issued its written decision and order in the case.

On April 17, 2015, the Commission issued its Final Decision and Order; Notice of Entry (the “Final Order”), noting that “[p]ursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:30.01, an application for a rehearing or reconsideration may be made by filing a written petition with the Commission within 30 days after the date of issuance of this Final Decision and Order; Notice of Entry.” The date that is 30 days after the issuance of the Final Order is Monday May 18, 2015. BHII hereby provides notice that it intends to supplement and amend its Petition, which supplement and amendment will both address (1) issues raised in the Final Order and (2) the purported error in the Petition noted in footnote 3 to Black Hills Power’s Answer to the Petition.

In order to expedite the Commission’s review of the Petition, as amended and supplemented, and schedule a hearing as soon as practicable, BHII recommends the following schedule:



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- BHII will submit its supplement to the Petition no later than Monday May 11, 2015, giving BHII one week less than the Final Order permits to prepare its supplement;
- Black Hills Power will submit any supplement to its Answer to the Petition no later than Monday May 25, 2015, giving Black Hills Power one week less than would otherwise be permitted under ARSD 20:10:01:30.02 to prepare its supplement; and
- The Commission schedules a hearing on BHII's amended Petition at its open meeting scheduled for May 26, 2015.

In the event that Black Hills Power and the Commission do not stipulate to the schedule set forth above, BHII requests the full thirty (30) days provided for filing applications for rehearing or reconsideration set forth in ARSD 20:10:01:30.01 and the Final Order (i.e., until May 18, 2015) to prepare and submit its supplement to the Petition, at which point Black Hills Power will have twenty (20) days (i.e., until June 8, 2015) to prepare and submit any supplement to its Answer. The Commission could then schedule a hearing on the Petition and Answer after June 8, 2015.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to your reply.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Andrew P. Moratzka

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