

**BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.**  
SD PUC DOCKET: EL14-061

REQUEST DATE : August 21, 2014

RESPONSE DATE : September 17, 2014

REQUESTING PARTY: SDPUC Staff

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**SDPUC Request No. 26:**

Please provide applicant's plans for future cultural resource surveys and how the applicant will communicate with SHPO and Rapid City Archeological Society to ensure cultural resource surveys are adequate to protect South Dakota's resources.

**Response to SDPUC Request No. 26:**

Black Hills Power has retained Alpine Archaeological Consultants, Inc. to perform the requisite cultural resource surveys. The Black Hills National Forest, as the lead Federal Agency pursuant to 36 CFR § 800.2(a)(2), oversees the steps Black Hills Power must take to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. These process steps are set forth in a Programmatic Agreement that will be executed by the Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Forest Service, the Department of the Interior, the Bureau of Land Management, the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer, the Wyoming State Historic Preservation Officer, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, and Black Hills Power. Under the requirements of the Programmatic Agreement, the South Dakota State Historic Preservation Officer has an opportunity to review the results of the cultural resources surveys and any resultant mitigation plans.

**Attachments:** None