BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

SD PUC DOCKET: EL14-061

REQUEST DATE : August 21, 2014

RESPONSE DATE : September 17, 2014

REQUESTING PARTY: SDPUC Staff

SDPUC Request No. 9:

Per ARSD 20:10:22:12(3), please provide "a discussion of the extent to which reliance upon eminent domain powers could be reduced by use of an alternative site."

Response to SDPUC Request No. 9:

Black Hills Power is currently in the process of meeting with landowners, gathering concerns regarding the proposed route, and considering route modifications that have been proposed to minimize impacts. Black Hills Power is committed to take all reasonable measures to address property owner concerns and reach amicable agreements to the terms of ROW easements. The Company's success in these efforts will minimize its need to rely upon eminent domain powers.

Attachments: None