

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS)	FINAL REPORT
POWER, INC. FOR A PERMIT TO)	
CONSTRUCT A 230 KV)	EL14-061
TRANSMISSION LINE FROM)	
NORTHEASTERN WYOMING TO)	
THE RAPID CITY AREA IN SOUTH)	
DAKOTA)	

On June 30, 2014, Black Hills Power, Inc. (“Black Hills Power”) filed an Application for a 230kV Transmission Line and Associated Substation Modification Facility Permit (“Application”). A hearing regarding the Application was held on November 6, 2014.

Following the evidentiary portion of the hearing, the Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, approved the Settlement Stipulation and granted an Energy Facility Permit to Black Hills Power subject to the terms and conditions of the Settlement Stipulation. On December 24, 2014, the Commission issued a Final Decision and Order; Notice of Entry adopting the October 28, 2014 Settlement Stipulation.

Pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation, Black Hills Power is required to submit a report to the Commission within ninety days of completion of the project as follows:

Within 90 days of the Project’s completion, Applicant shall submit a report to the Commission that provides the following information: 1) as-built location of structures and route, including drawings; 2) status of remedial activities for road damage, landowner property damage, crop damage, environmental damage, or any other damage that resulted from construction activities; and 3) a summary of known landowner complaints and Applicant’s plan for resolving the complaints.

The project was completed and the line was energized on May 30, 2017. Consequently, Black Hills Power is submitting the required information as follows:

1. Attached as Exhibit 1a, Exhibit 1b and Exhibit 1c are the as built location of structures and route, including drawings;

2. Reclamation activities are currently in progress. Work started at the WY/SD state lines and is moving east along the right of way. See Exhibit 2, Osage to Lange Reclamation. To date, 18.1 miles (39.3%) of the ROW, access trails, roads, etc. have been recontoured and reclaimed. Seeding activity will start on September 15, 2017. Reclamation activity will continue into late October 2017. Reclamation activity is being completed pursuant to the USDA Forest Service Guidance & Reclamation & Facility Restoration plan. See Exhibit 3, USDA Forest Service Guidance & Reclamation & Facility Restoration plan. Additionally, Black Hills Power, Inc. is following the standard regarding reclamation of privately owned areas and is working directly with individual landowners on reasonable requests.

3. There are no known landowner complaints.

Dated this 28th day of August, 2017.



Chad Kinsley
Manager Electrical Engineering

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
)ss.
COUNTY OF PENNINGTON)

I, Chad Kinsley, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and say that I am Manager Electrical Engineering for Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy, that I have read such Final Report, and that the acts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



Chad Kinsley
Manager Electrical Engineering

Signed and sworn to me on this 28 day of August, 2017.

(SEAL)



Brian S. Lewis
Notary Public

My commission expires: 4-23-2021

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify the foregoing pleading was served on this 28th day of August, 2017, and that copies were served on the following:


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