

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.
SD PUC DOCKET: EL15-012
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

REQUEST DATE : April 17, 2015

RESPONSE DATE : May 8, 2015

REQUESTING PARTY: SDPUC Staff

SDPUC Request No. 1-1:

Please provide a brief explanation on the mission, or purpose, of each Economic Development Membership and Community Sponsorship that Black Hills Power includes in the 2015 budget.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1-1:

Provided below are website links to economic development organizations and community sponsorships included in the 2015 budget. A brief description is provided below for the community sponsorships that did not have a website. Generally, the mission of each economic development organization is job creation. The organizations pursue economic development by assisting new or expanding businesses in an area within Black Hills Power's service territory. Some of the organizations have a local focus, while others have a regional focus.

Black Hills Vision - <http://www.blackhillsvision.org/>

Belle Fourche Economic Development Corp – <http://bfdcsd.com/>

Black Hills Badlands and Lakes - <http://www.blackhillsbadlands.com/>

Black Hills Community Economic Development - <http://bhced.org/>

Heart of the Hills Economic Development – <http://www.hillcitysd.com/economic-development/mission-statement/>

Greater Rapid City Area Economic Development Corp. –
<http://www.rapiddevelopment.com/>

Spearfish Economic Development Corp. - <http://www.spearfishdevelopment.com/>

Sturgis Economic Development Corp. - <http://sturgisdevelopment.com/>

Destination Rapid City - <http://www.downtownrapidcity.com/destination-rapid-city.html>

South Dakota Center for Enterprise Opportunity – Black Hills Power sponsors two business events annually in South Dakota for SD CEO. The SD CEO provides training, education, and business assistance, support and counseling for entrepreneurs to foster economic development in South Dakota.

Black Hills Bakken & Investor Conference Sponsor – Black Hills Power plans to be a Gold sponsor of the 2015 Black Hills Bakken & Investor Conference. The conference offers information on the oil and gas industry and investment opportunities for South Dakota businesses to serve the Bakken area.

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South Dakota Governor's Office of Economic Development Annual Conference – Black Hills Power is an annual sponsor and attendee of the SD GOED conference. The conference is held each year with communities across South Dakota in attendance. Black Hills Power actively supports the communities we serve and the economic development initiatives presented at this conference by the State of South Dakota.