BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

SD PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DOCKET NO. EL15-049 – Line Extension Policy

REQUEST DATE : January 14, 2016

RESPONSE DATE : January 27, 2016

REQUESTING PARTY : South Dakota Public Utilities Commission

SDPUC Request 1-5:

Has BHP reviewed the four times policy compared to a possible three times policy? Provide any analysis which justifies continued use of the four times policy.

Response to SDPUC Request 1-5:

Black Hills Power has not analyzed changing the Line Extension Allowance policy from four to three times the annual revenue amounts. The Company did not propose any changes to the time period reflected in the Line Extension Allowance policy, so Black Hills Power did not prepare any analysis to justify the continued use of the policy to support this Application. The Line Extension Allowance policy has been based off from four times the annual revenue amounts for over twenty years.