

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

SD PUC DOCKET: EL16-007

Economic Development Plan

REQUEST DATE : March 10, 2016

RESPONSE DATE : March 24, 2016

REQUESTING PARTY: SDPUC Staff

SDPUC Request No. 1.3:

Identify how Black Hills Energy measures the effectiveness of economic development activities.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.3:

Black Hills Energy's measurement is based on economic development reports from each community that are presented by each Economic Development organization at their membership annual meeting. It is Black Hills Energy's objective to support each community on their goals that are being measured. These common measurements include, but not limited to:

- New job creation
- Sales and property tax revenues
- Growth in business and industrial parks
- New business startups and relocation
- Retention of existing businesses