## 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. 1.8**:

For the Economic Development Memberships new to the budget, what criteria does BHE use to decide membership each year? What were the reasons that led BHE to not be a member in 2015?

## **Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.8**:

Black Hills Energy has been an active participant in the four (4) new memberships in the 2016 budget for many years, but membership dues were not solicited in 2015.

- Belle Fourche Development Corp. Did not solicit membership in 2015, but plan to solicit business membership in 2016
- Custer Economic Development Did not solicit membership in 2015, but plan to solicit business membership in 2016
- Lead/Deadwood Economic Development Corp. –Did not solicit membership in 2015, but plan to solicit business membership in 2016
- Black Hills Business Council Did not solicit membership in 2015, but plan to solicit business membership in 2016