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Ms. Patricia Van Gerpen  
Executive Director  
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission  
Capitol Building  
500 E. Capitol Ave.  
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy for Approval of  
its 2017 Environmental Improvement Adjustment  
Docket No.: EL17-008

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On February 23, 2017 Black Hills Power, Inc. filed an Annual Report of South Dakota Jurisdictional Condition in the above-referenced docket. The report consists of financial information that is entitled to confidential protection under the provisions of SDCL 15-6-26(c)(7) and ARSD 20:10:01:39. The Company respectfully requests that the report be designated as confidential on the Commission's document management system, and be maintained as confidential in the Commission's files.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Todd Brink  
Associate General Counsel