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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:

Enclosed for filing in the above referenced docket are the following documents:

1. Settlement Stipulation (public and confidential versions); and
2. Joint Motion for Approval.

Company requests confidential treatment of the redacted items in the public version of the Settlement Stipulation because they consist 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 Settlement Stipulation be designated as confidential on the Commission's document management system, and be maintained as confidential in the Commission's file.

Please contact me with any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Todd Brink
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Enclosures