

EXHIBIT 7
Direct Testimony
JASON HARTMAN

Before the Public Service Commission
of the State of South Dakota

In the Matter of the Application of
Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy
For Approval to Implement a Renewable Ready Tariff

Docket No. EL18-_____

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1 **I. INTRODUCTION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

2 **Q. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND BUSINESS ADDRESS.**

3 A. My name is Jason Hartman. My business address is 6711 HR Ranch Rd, Cheyenne,
4 Wyoming 82007.

5 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR EMPLOYMENT.**

6 A. I am currently employed by Black Hills Service Company, LLC, a wholly-owned
7 subsidiary of Black Hills Corporation (“Black Hills Corporation”), as Director,
8 Generation Project Engineering. I am responsible for the design, construction, and
9 operation of electrical power generation assets owned by Black Hills Corporation
10 subsidiaries, including Cheyenne Light, Fuel and Power Company (“Cheyenne Light”) and
11 Black Hills Power, Inc. ("Black Hills Power").

12 **Q. PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE.**

13 A. I am a licensed professional engineer in Wyoming and received a Bachelor of Science
14 degree with distinction in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Nebraska in
15 1993. I have more than 25 years of experience working in the electrical power industry
16 in coal, natural gas, and renewable power generation, including power plant design,
17 construction, operations and maintenance. I have been involved in the development,
18 engineering, construction and commissioning of the Cheyenne Prairie Generating Station
19 (“CPGS”) in Cheyenne, Wyoming, jointly owned by Cheyenne Light and Black Hills
20 Power. I am also currently the Plant Manager of CPGS.

21 I have also been involved with the development, engineering, construction and
22 commissioning of the Pueblo Airport Generation Station ("PAGS") and the Busch Ranch

1 Wind Energy Projects, in which Black Hills Corporation subsidiaries are majority
2 owners.

3 **II. PURPOSE OF TESTIMONY**

4 **Q. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF YOUR TESTIMONY?**

5 A. The purpose of my testimony is to describe the project, referred to as "Corriedale" or the
6 "Corriedale Project," which will provide the renewable energy used to serve customers
7 under the proposed Renewable Ready Service Tariff. The Corriedale Project consists of
8 the construction of a 40 MW wind turbine generating facility in Laramie County,
9 Wyoming that will connect to the Cheyenne Light transmission system. The Corriedale
10 Project will serve customers of Cheyenne Light under the proposed Renewable Ready
11 Service Tariff as described in the testimony of Kyle White (Exhibit 4).

12 **Q. HAVE YOU PROVIDED TESTIMONY ON THIS SUBJECT PREVIOUSLY?**

13 A. Yes. I provided detailed testimony on the Corriedale Project in support of the application
14 for a certificate of public convenience and necessity filed with the Wyoming
15 Commission. That testimony is provided as part of Exhibit 8 to the Application in this
16 docket.

17 **Q. DO YOU ADOPT THAT TESTIMONY IN THIS DOCKET?**

18 A. Yes. I hereby adopt and incorporate by reference as if set out fully herein my testimony
19 included as Exhibit 11 of Exhibit 8 to this Application.

20 **Q. DOES THIS CONCLUDE YOUR TESTIMONY?**

21 A. Yes, it does.

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