

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF BLACK HILLS)	
POWER, INC. d/b/a BLACK HILLS)	FINAL REPORT
ENERGY FOR A FACILITY PERMIT)	
TO CONSTRUCT A 230/69 KV)	Docket EL 19-006
TRANSMISSION LINE AND)	
ASSOCIATED SUBSTATION)	

On February 5, 2019, Black Hills Power, Inc. (“Black Hills Power”) filed an Application for a permit to construct a 0.7 mile 230 kV transmission line and associated facilities (the “Application”). The Project included a substation at the location of the former Ben French Power Plant on the northwest side of Rapid City, South Dakota. It also included a 230 kV transmission line from the substation running southeast approximately 0.2 miles, then east approximately 0.5 miles.

On May 20, 2019, Black Hills Power and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission entered into a settlement agreement, which resolved all issues and recommended approval of the Application (the “Settlement Stipulation”). A hearing regarding the Settlement Stipulation was held on May 28, 2019. Following the hearing, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) voted unanimously to approve the Settlement Stipulation and granted a facility permit to Black Hills Power, subject to the terms and conditions of the Settlement Stipulation. On May 31, 2019, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Order Granting Permit to Construct Transmission Facilities; Notice of Entry adopting the May 20, 2019 Settlement Stipulation.

Pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation, Black Hills Power is required to submit a report to the Commission within ninety days of completion of the project as follows:

Within 90 days of the Project's completion, Applicant shall submit a report to the Commission that provides the following information:

- a. As-built location of structures and route,
- b. The status of remedial activities for road damage, landowner property damage, crop damage, environmental damage, or any other damage that resulted from construction activities; and
- c. A summary of known landowner complaints and Applicant's plan for resolving the complaints.

The project was completed, and the line was energized on May 12, 2020. Consequently, Black Hills Power is submitting the required information as follows:

1. Attached as Exhibit 1-3 are the as built location of structures and route, including drawings;
2. All construction and reclamation work are 100% complete. There is no remedial work remaining. All disturbed areas created by the project were regraded, seeded, fertilized, and mulched in accordance with industry standard best management practices to promote revegetation and prevent erosion. Seed mixes used were in accordance with the specifications of the local jurisdiction (SDDOT & City of Rapid City). The City of Rapid seed mixture was applied on disturbed areas around Pole 15 and on BHE property. The SDDOT seed mix was used on disturbed areas along West Chicago Street. In addition, erosion control blanket and straw wattles were installed on those slopes that were greater than 3:1, and in areas of concentrated flow. A majority of the reclaimed areas are already showing a healthy growth of vegetation from the reclamation efforts.
3. There are no known landowner complaints.


Dated this 6th day of August, 2020.



Jason Keil
Manager-Regulatory and Finance

STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA)
) SS.
 COUNTY OF PENNINGTON)


I, Jason Keil, being duly sworn, do hereby depose and say that I am Manager-Regulatory and Finance for Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy, that I have read such Final Report, and that the acts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.



 Jason Keil
 Manager-Regulatory and Finance

On August 6th, 2020, appeared Jason Keil, not in my physical presence but rather appearing remotely by means of communication technology from 653 Conestoga Ct., Rapid City, South Dakota, 57701, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act, and deed.





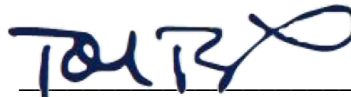
 Notary Public

My commission expires: My Commission Expires June 22, 2023

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify the foregoing pleading was electronically filed on this 10th day of August,
2020 and served on the following:

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "TODD BRINK", written over a horizontal line.

Todd Brink