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Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
SD Public Utilities Commission
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501

Re: EL19-006 – In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power Inc. dba Black Hills Energy for a Facility Permit to Construct a 230 kV Transmission Line and Associated Facilities in Pennington County

Dear Ms. Van Gerpen:

On February 2, 2022, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) considered Black Hills Power Inc. dba Black Hills Energy's (BHE) Motion for Release of Indemnity Bond. The Commission Granted the Motion for Release of Indemnity Bond with the understanding that Public Utilities Commission staff (Staff) and BHE would work to get the City of Rapid City to sign-off that all the necessary repairs have been made.

Staff reached out the Pennington County Auditor and Rapid City Street Department on numerous occasions prior to the Commission Meeting, and on February 1, 2022, after the Commission meeting had ended, with help from BHE, Staff received a sign-off from the City of Rapid City's Construction Group Coordinator that all the necessary repairs have been made.

Attached is the email with the City of Rapid City and Staff. We hope this addresses the Commission's concern with wanting to ensure the City of Rapid City formally signed-off on the repairs so the indemnity bond can be released.

Sincerely,

Eric Paulson
Staff Analyst