

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK )  
HILLS POWER, INC. DBA BLACK HILLS )  
ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT )  
WITH DEVIATIONS WITH GCC DACOTAH, INC. )  
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**ORDER APPROVING  
CONTRACT WITH DEVIATIONS  
AND APPROVING TARIFF  
REVISIONS**

**EL21-023**

On August 2, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (Black Hills) requesting approval of a contract with deviations with GCC Dacotah, Inc (GCC). Black Hills states the business development incentive agreement is due to GCC's investment in plant expansion and an increase in forecasted energy usage. Black Hills also states South Dakota electric customers will not be affected by this contract with deviations. Black Hills requests approval of the associated tariff revision with an effective date of September 1, 2021.

On August 5, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 20, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On August 19, 2021, Black Hills responded to Commission staff's data request.

The revised tariff sheet is as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book:

Section No. 4

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 6

Replaces Sixth Revised Sheet No. 6

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regular meeting on August 27, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval. Finding that Black Hills' request for approval of a contract with deviations with GCC and the associated tariff sheet is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to grant Black Hills' request for approval of a contract with deviations and to approve the associated tariff sheet with an effective date of September 1, 2021. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Black Hills' request seeking approval of a contract with deviations with GCC is hereby granted with an effective date of September 1, 2021. It is further

ORDERED, that the revisions of the above-referenced tariff sheet to reflect the contract with deviations with GCC is approved, effective September 1, 2021.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 31<sup>st</sup> day of August 2021.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.	
By:	<u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date:	<u>08/31/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)	

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner