

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA BLACK)
HILLS ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF ITS)
2020 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT)
AND 2021 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN)
)

**ORDER APPROVING 2020
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2021 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL21-008

On March 1, 2021, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) requesting approval of its 2020 Economic Development Report and its 2021 Economic Development Plan and Budget. BHE makes this filing in compliance with the settlement stipulation approved in Docket EL14-026. BHE provides actual economic development expenses for 2020 and information regarding the memberships, community sponsorships, and other activities the program supports as well as the 2021 budget and planned economic development activities for the year.

On March 4, 2021, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 19, 2021, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 1, 2021, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve BHE's 2020 Economic Development Report and the 2021 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's 2020 Economic Development Report and 2021 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 9th day of April 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>Adam deFueck</u>
Date: <u>4/9/21</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Eiegen
KRISTIE EIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner