

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.
d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY
EL21-011

REQUEST DATE : 03/26/21

RESPONSE DATE : 04/06/21

REQUESTING PARTY: Staff

SDPUC Request No. 1.1:

Explain what BHE has done to make existing and potential small power production and cogeneration customers aware of this proposed change.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.1:

BHE has not made any widespread communication efforts but has notified any customer that has an open interconnection request of the filing and requested that they complete their installation by May 31st to fall under the grandfathering until May 31, 2041.

Responder: Jason Keil

Attachments: None

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SDPUC Request No. 1.2:

Refer to the table of interconnected qualified facilities on page 8 of Mr. Keil's testimony.

- a. Have the 3 residential connections in progress been completed?
- b. Provide the 2021 residential and commercial connections complete and in progress to-date.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.2:

- a. Two of the referenced connections have been completed.
- b. For 2021 – Two residential connections have been completed and six residential connections are now in progress.

Responder: Jason Keil

Attachments: None

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SDPUC Request No. 1.3:

Does BHE anticipate there being any customers that have made their behind-the-meter generator purchase decision based on the current tariff but will not be interconnected by May 31, 2021? How will BHE handle these situations?

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.3:

There could potentially be a few customers that have an installation very early in the process in which BHE is not aware of but does not know of any as of today. BHE will work with any customer that comes forth within a reasonable time and review the facts and circumstances for potential grandfathering until May 31, 2041.

Responder: Jason Keil

Attachments: None

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SDPUC Request No. 1.4:

Confirm that customers with QF facilities interconnected by May 31, 2021 will not be subject to the interconnection study costs and the production meter charge as they currently do not have a production meter.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.4:

The current process for calculating and assessing costs related to interconnection studies will not change prior to May 31, 2021. In addition, no production meter will be required or charged to customers who are interconnected prior to May 31, 2021.

Responder: Jason Keil

Attachments: None

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SDPUC Request No. 1.5:

Page 12 of Jason Keil's testimony states "the monthly production meter charge is based on the estimated costs related to the production meter, customer billing, and administrative costs associated with the types of customers most likely to seek service under the amended QF Service Tariff". Provide these estimated costs and the calculations and workpapers BHE used to arrive at the \$10 per month production meter charge.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.5:

BHE does not have any current supporting data to support a more detailed number for this charge as there are currently no customers taking service under the proposed tariff. BHE looked at the customer charge for Residential and Commercial Service classes to help guide the proposed meter charge for this application. BHE anticipated that customers in these classes would most likely request service under this proposed tariff.

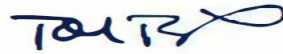
Responder: Jason Keil

Attachments: None

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