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January 7, 2025

RE: [EL24-026](#) In the Matter of the Filing by Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy regarding its Notification of Intent to Apply for a Permit for an Energy Conversion Facility for the Proposed Lange 2 Power Plant Project

Dear Commissioner Fiegen:

Please do not let this project be withdrawn from the permitting process. The company's move to withdraw from PUC proceedings is a clear attempt to circumvent the permitting process. In fact, 99.6 (megawatts, in this case) is generally rounded up to 100.

I live about 2.5 miles from the site proposed for the Lange 2 Power Plant Project. I have chronic lung issues. The last thing I (and others like me) need is more air pollution in an area that is already highly polluted – especially more pollution from a poorly-regulated energy project that has flagrantly flouted the permitting process. In case you didn't know, western Rapid City in the immediate area of this proposed project typically just barely avoids violating EPA air quality standards as it is.

Consideration of options would be an important part of a permitting process. This seems like a really good opportunity for Black Hills Energy to spend the money it would spend on this plant to innovate to ensure peak electricity. Perhaps batteries might be a solution. Have they studied this or other possibilities? Building a new fossil fuel electricity plant is a thing of the past. The proposed new plant is already obsolete.

Please keep the permitting process moving forward for this project. Protect our air quality and area citizens – from vulnerable infants to vulnerable elders.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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