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Dear Ms. Jarding,

This is in response to your letter to the commission received on Jan. 10, 2025, regarding Docket 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.*

I am sorry to hear that you are dealing with lung issues and are concerned about the effects this new energy conversion project may have on air quality in your area.

You ask that the commission not allow BHE to withdraw their proposed project from the Public Utilities Commission's permitting process.

As you may know from following this docket, BHE has changed its engineering design for this project. The company now plans to build different units that will generate a maximum of 99.6 MW of electricity. As such, the Lange 2 Power Plant will no longer be under the commission's siting jurisdiction, pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-41B.

The commission cannot stop the project or require BHE to obtain a siting permit from the commission that is not required by state law.

Thank you for reaching out about this matter.

Sincerely,


Kristie Fiegen