

**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 REGARDING ITS) NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO APPLY) FOR A PERMIT FOR AN ENERGY) CONVERSION FACILITY FOR THE) PROPOSED LANGE 2 POWER PLANT) PROJECT)	ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO WITHDRAW NOTICE OF INTENT EL24-026
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On August 2, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a Notice of Intent to submit an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (Black Hills) for a permit for an energy conversion facility. With the initial filing, Black Hills proposed to construct, own and operate an energy conversion facility consisting of three reciprocating internal combustion engines fueled by natural gas only and three dual fuel reciprocating internal combustion engines, an engine hall building, and other associated facilities. Interconnection will be into the existing adjacent Lange substation, which is owned and operated by Black Hills. With the initial filing, the expected generation was approximately 100 megawatts of power during periods of high energy demand. The energy conversion facility, known as Lange 2 Power Plant, is proposed to be located in the NW ¼ less Lot H1 of Section 22, Township 2N, Range 7E in Pennington County, South Dakota, within the city of Rapid City.

On August 8, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 23, 2024, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On August 29, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Designating Affected Area and Designating Local Review Committee. On December 20, 2024, Black Hills filed a Motion to Withdraw the Notice of Intent and for dismissal without prejudice. According to the Motion to Withdraw, due to an engineering change, the Lange 2 Power Plant is now designed for and capable of generating a maximum of 99.6 megawatts of electricity. SDCL Chapter 49-41B requires a permit from the Commission for energy conversion facilities designed for or capable of generation of one hundred megawatts or more of electricity.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-41B and ARSD 20:10:01:02.04.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 14, 2025, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to grant Black Hills's Motion to Withdraw the Notice of Intent without prejudice. It is therefore

ORDERED, that Black Hills's Motion to Withdraw the Notice of Intent without prejudice is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the docket be dismissed without prejudice and closed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 22nd day of January 2025.

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: *Kristie Fiegen*

Date: *22 January 2025*

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner