

**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 2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2025 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

**) ORDER APPROVING 2024
) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
) REPORT AND 2025
) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
) PLAN**

) EL25-008

On February 28, 2025, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) requesting approval of its 2024 Economic Development Report and its 2025 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 2024 and information regarding the memberships, community sponsorships, and other activities the program supports as well as the 2025 budget and planned economic development activities for the year.

On March 6, 2025, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 21, 2025, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On April 1, 2025, BHE filed responses to staff's data requests.

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 May 8, 2025, 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 2024 Economic Development Report and its 2025 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's 2024 Economic Development Report and 2025 Economic Development Plan are hereby approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of May 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: Juni L. Fierst

Date: 5/12/25

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner