BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.
d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY
EL25-012

REQUEST DATE : 04/17/25

RESPONSE DATE : 04/25/25

SUPPLEMENTAL DATE: 11/02/26

REQUESTING PARTY: South Dakota Public Utilities Commission Staff

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SDPUC Request No. 2.2:

Confirm that BHE will be a participant in the WEIM market beyond the time it takes for the net monthly benefits to recover the implementation costs. Explain.

Confidential Response to SDPUC Request No. 2.2:

Black Hills Power has historically seen a net benefit of $1 million per year from participating in the WEIS. Black Hills Power does expect the WEIM to be similar if not more beneficial than the WEIS. Black Hills Power estimates customer net benefits from the WEIM to be approximately [redacted] per year. If net benefits are realized on the high end of Black Hills Power estimate, approximately [redacted], Black Hills Power would recover its implementation costs within the first year. Black Hills Power estimates a 1-3 year recovery period for WEIM implementation costs.

Responder: Eric Egge

Attachments: None

Confidential Supplemental Response to SDPUC Request No. 2.2:

Black Hills Power has historically seen an average net benefit of $1 million per year from participating in the WEIS. Black Hills Power does expect the WEIM to be similar if not more beneficial than the WEIS. Based on May 2026 startup participation to September 2026 preliminary statements, Black Hills Power has experienced net benefits of approximately [redacted] since inception. Based upon the currently captured net benefits, Black Hills Power has already recovered its implementation costs since joining WEIM in May of 2026.

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Respondent: Denton McGregor

Attachments: None

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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