

**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 AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR ITS
UTILITY SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA**)
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**ORDER GRANTING
INTERVENTION**

EL26-003

On February 19, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHP) for approval to increase rates for electric service to customers in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$50.6 million annually or approximately 25.1% based on BHP's test year ending September 30, 2025. The Company states a typical residential electric customer using 650 kWh per month would see an increase of \$25.13 per month. The proposed changes may potentially affect approximately 75,000 customers in BHP's South Dakota service territory.


On February 26, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of April 17, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. Comments were received from a number of persons, all of which are available for review on the Commission's web site for this docket. On March 20, 2026, Mr. John D. McKee Sr. filed a Petition to Intervene.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and SDCL 49-34A, specifically SDCL 1-26-17.1 and ARSD Chapter 20:10:01, specifically 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 7, 2026, the Commission considered the Petition to Intervene. Neither BHP nor Commission staff objected to the intervention. The Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant John D. McKee Sr.'s Petition to Intervene. It is therefore

ORDERED, that John D. McKee Sr.'s Petition to Intervene is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of April 2026.

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: <u></u>
Date: <u>8 April 2026</u>

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:


CHRIS NELSON, Chairman


KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner


GARY HANSON, Commissioner