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RE: EL26-003- 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

Ms. Mohr,

Since the June 30, 2026, Commission meeting, the Parties in this docket have met on two occasions and exchanged email correspondence regarding the Motion for Protective Order.

This afternoon, Mr. McKee filed a request to withdraw his intervention in this docket indicating he was able to resolve his concerns with Black Hills. Based on this filing, and on communications received from Black Hills, it is Staff's understanding that (a) Mr. McKee's Motion for Protective Order, (b) Black Hills proposed confidentiality agreement, or (c) any other protective order for Mr. McKee is no longer needed in this proceeding. Thus, a Commission decision will not be necessary on Confidentiality for Mr. McKee or the SDLGC for this proceeding, as Black Hills Power already has an agreement for Confidential materials with the SDLGC.

Thank you,

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