

# PETITION TO INTERVENE

**BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DOCKET  
EL26-003 IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS POWER,  
INC. FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES**

## **Petitioner**

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## **Introduction**

Pursuant to SDCL 49-41B, ARSD 20:10:01, and all applicable rules governing participation in Commission proceedings, I respectfully submit this Petition to Intervene in Docket EL26-003, the application by Black Hills Power, Inc. (Black Hills Energy) seeking authority to increase electric rates.

I am a residential customer of Black Hills Energy residing within the affected service territory. The proposed rate increase will directly and materially affect my household's financial obligations, energy access, and long-term cost stability. As such, I have a substantial interest in the outcome of this proceeding.

## **Statement of Interest**

My interest is direct, personal, and unique in the following ways:

- I am a paying customer whose monthly electric bill will be directly impacted by any approved rate increase.
- I rely on electric service for essential household needs, including heating, cooling, and medical-related requirements.
- I have a demonstrated history of analyzing utility operations, regulatory compliance, and infrastructure impacts within Rapid City.
- I intend to participate meaningfully in the review of evidence, testimony, and filings to ensure that any rate changes are justified, transparent, and in the public interest.

This interest cannot be adequately represented by any other party.

## Grounds for Intervention

Intervention is warranted because:

- The proposed rate increase may impose significant financial burdens on residential customers, including myself.
- The Commission's evaluation of cost-of-service, revenue requirements, and operational justification requires public scrutiny from affected ratepayers.
- I may offer relevant information, analysis, or perspective that will assist the Commission in developing a complete and accurate record.
- My participation will not unduly delay the proceedings or prejudice any party.

## Intent to Participate

If granted intervenor status, I intend to:

- Review filings, testimony, and discovery responses.
- Submit comments, analysis, or testimony as appropriate.
- Participate in hearings or workshops if required.
- Assist in ensuring that the record reflects the interests of residential customers and the broader public.

## Relief Requested

I respectfully request that the Commission:

1. **Grant this Petition to Intervene** in Docket EL26-003; and
2. **Add me to the service list** for all filings, notices, and communications related to this docket.

## Verification

I affirm that the statements made in this Petition are true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

**Respectfully submitted,**

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