

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	RESPONSE TO STAFF’S
APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS)	MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL
POWER, INC. d/b/a BLACK HILLS)	SCHEDULE
ENERGY FOR AUTHORITY TO)	
INCREASE RATES FOR ITS UTILITY)	EL26-003
SERVICE IN SOUTH DAKOTA)	

**BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.’S RESPONSE TO STAFF’S MOTION FOR APPROVAL
OF PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

COMES NOW, Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“Black Hills Power”) and submits this response to Staff’s Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule filed with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (“Commission”) on May 11, 2026.

1. Black Hills Power has reviewed the dates and timelines identified in Staff’s Motion for Procedural Schedule. Black Hills Power supports the proposed procedural schedule as set forth therein. This position is expressly conditioned, however, upon Black Hills Power’s request that witness Mr. Tom Stevens be permitted to participate and provide testimony virtually, as Mr. Stevens is unavailable to attend the proposed Hearing in person due to a previously scheduled conflict outside the State of South Dakota and which cannot be rescheduled. Subject to this request, Black Hills Power submits that the proposed procedural schedule and discovery timelines are reasonable and appropriate for this proceeding.

2. Black Hills Power respectfully requests that Mr. Stevens be permitted to appear virtually for the Hearing. Mr. Stevens will have submitted all written testimony prior to his oral testimony at the Hearing. Mr. Steven’s testimony supports Black Hills Power’s capital structure and financing, and his testimony cannot effectively be adopted by another witness. No party will be prejudiced by Mr. Steven’s virtual appearance at the Hearing.

3. Black Hills Power respectfully requests that the Commission enter an order approving the proposed procedural schedule and allowing Mr. Stevens to testify at the Hearing virtually using videoconferencing software preferred by the Commission.

Dated this 18th day of May, 2026.

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. d/b/a
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