

**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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EL26-003

**RESPONSE IN SUPPORT OF JOINT
MOTION TO AMEND PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE**

The South Dakota Large Customer Group (“SDLCG”)¹ submits this response to Staff and Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy’s (“Black Hills”) Joint Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule. The SDLCG has reviewed the proposed amendment to the procedural schedule and joins in Staff and Black Hills’ request that the Commission issue an order granting the Joint Motion.

¹ The SDLCG is an unincorporated association of large energy consumers consisting of Dakota Panel, Fischer Furniture, Inc., Forest Products Distributors, Inc., GCC Dacotah, Inc., Monument Health Rapid City Hospital, Inc., Pete Lien & Sons, Inc., the South Dakota Science and Technology Authority, and Spearfish Forest Products, Inc. The SDLCG filed its Petition to Intervene in this case on April 15, 2026, and the Commission granted intervention by order dated May 13, 2026.

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