

**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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**MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

EL26-003

Comes now, Staff (Staff) of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) and hereby files this Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule.

Staff proposes the following procedural schedule be adopted in this docket:

October 19, 2026	Staff and Intervenor testimony due
November 16, 2026	All Parties' Rebuttal testimony due
December 1, 2026	File exhibits and witness list
December 3, 2026	Prehearing Conference
December 8-10, 2026	Evidentiary Hearing

Additionally, Staff requests the Commission require that all those intending to testify at an evidentiary hearing submit prefiled testimony and all exhibits and witness lists be prefiled in accordance with this proposed schedule.

Staff further requests the Commission establish a ten-business day deadline for responses to discovery requests unless a different period is agreed upon by the requesting Party and responding Party. Given the Commission must issue a decision in this docket within a year of the initial filing, this expedited discovery schedule will promote efficiencies necessary to investigate and rule on this matter within the timeframe established in statute.

WHEREFORE, Staff respectfully request the Commission issue an order granting the Motion for Approval of Procedural Schedule, adopting the proposed schedule herein,

establishing a ten-calendar day deadline for responses to discovery requests and requiring submission of prefiled testimony.

Dated this 11th day of May, 2026.



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