

**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
APPROVAL OF ITS 2025 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2026 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

) **ORDER APPROVING 2025**
) **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
) **REPORT AND 2026**
) **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
) **PLAN**

) **EL26-004**

On February 27, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) requesting approval of its 2025 Economic Development Report and 2026 Economic Development Plan. BHE makes this filing in compliance with the settlement stipulation approved in Docket EL14-026. BHE provides actual economic development expenses for 2025 and information regarding the memberships, community sponsorships, and other activities the program supports as well as the 2026 budget and planned economic development activities for the year.

On March 5, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 20, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On May 20, and June 9, 2026, BHE filed responses to staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

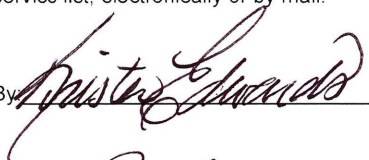
At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 30, 2026, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve BHE's 2025 Economic Development Report and its 2026 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's 2025 Economic Development Report and 2026 Economic Development Plan are hereby approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 10th day of July 2026.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, electronically or by mail.

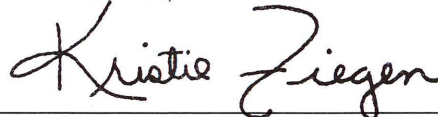
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Date: 10 July 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



CHRIS NELSON, Chairman



KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner



GARY HANSON, Commissioner