

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	ORDER GRANTING
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA BLACK	)	INTERVENTION
HILLS ENERGY FOR APPROVAL TO AMEND	)	
ITS PHASE IN PLAN RATE	)	EL26-024
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On August 5, 2026, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application by Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (Black Hills Power) for approval to amend its Phase In Plan Rate (PIPR). Black Hills Power makes this filing pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-73 through 49-34A-78. In this filing, Black Hills Power requests approval to recover, through the PIPR, both actual and forecasted costs associated with the Lange II Project. This request would increase rates for electric service to customers in its South Dakota service territory by approximately \$39.5 million annually. Black Hills Power states a typical residential electric customer using an average of approximately 650 kWh per month will see an increase of \$19.70 per month.

On August 6, 2026, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of August 21, 2026, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filing electronic listserv. On August 26, 2026, the Commission issued an Order Assessing Filing Fee; Order Authorizing Executive Director to Enter into Consulting Contracts. On August 21, 2026, 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; Spearfish Forest Products Inc.; and Wharf Resources (USA), Inc.; collectively referred to as the South Dakota Large Customer Group, filed a Petition to Intervene.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, and 49-34A, specifically SDCL 1-26-17.1, and ARSD 20:10:01, specifically ARSD 20:10:01:15.02 through 20:10:01:15.05.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on September 8, 2026, the Commission considered the Petition to Intervene. Neither Black Hills Power nor Commission staff objected to the intervention. The Commission found that the Petition to Intervene demonstrated good cause to grant intervention and voted unanimously to grant intervention to 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; Spearfish Forest Products Inc.; and Wharf Resources (USA), Inc.; collectively referred to as the South Dakota Large Customer Group. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Petition to Intervene 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; Spearfish Forest Products Inc.; and Wharf Resources (USA), Inc.; collectively referred to as the South Dakota Large Customer Group is hereby granted.

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

By: Kristie Fiegen

Date: 10 Sept 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner