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 TO AMEND ITS PHASE IN PLAN RATE	**ORDER FOR AND NOTICE OF MOTION HEARING ON LESS THAN 10 DAYS' NOTICE**
	EL26-024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE COMMISSION WILL HOLD A HEARING ON STAFF'S OBJECTION TO BLACK HILLS ENERGY'S NOTICE OF INTENT TO IMPLEMENT INTERIM RATES AND ALTERNATIVE MOTION TO SUSPEND INTERIM RATESIN CONJUNCTION WITH THE COMMISSION'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING ON NOVEMBER 19, 2026, AT 9:30 A.M., CT, AT THE COMMISSION'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED COMMISSION MEETING, AS ORDERED BELOW.

On August 5, 2026, the 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 September 10, 2026, the Commission granted 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. On October 30, 2026, Black Hills Energy filed a Notice of Intent to Implement Interim Rates on December 1, 2026. On November 9, 2026, Staff filed an Objection to Black Hills Energy's Notice of Interim Rates and Alternative Motion to Suspend Interim Rates.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL chapters 1-26 and 49-34A. Pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:22.02, the Commission may order a hearing on less than ten days' notice if the Commission determines good cause exists. The Commission finds that because it is necessary to resolve Staff's Objection and Alternative Motion to Suspend Interim Rates before the proposed Interim Rates are implemented on December 1, 2026, good cause exists to hear this Motion on less than ten days' notice.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that a hearing on Staff's Objection to Black Hills Energy's Notice of Interim Rates and Alternative Motion to Suspend Interim Rates will be held in conjunction with the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on November 19, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., CT, Room 413 of the Capitol Building, Pierre, South Dakota. It is further

ORDERED, that Parties may file responses no later than 5:00 p.m., CT, on November 16, 2026.

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

By: Kristie Edwards

Date: 10 Nov 2026

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

GARY HANSON, Commissioner