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Leah Mohr
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
State Capitol Building
500 E. Capitol Ave.
Pierre, SD 57501-5070

RE: In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills
Energy for Approval to Amend its Phase In Plan Rate
Docket No. EL26-____

Dear Ms. Mohr:

Please find enclosed the In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Power, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy for Approval to Amend its Phase In Plan Rate.

In addition, pursuant to S.D. Admin. R. 20:10:01:41, Black Hills Power, Inc. submits the following justification for confidential treatment of Confidential Exhibit AMT-1 – Busbar Cost Study and Confidential Exhibit AMT-5 – Hitachi Energy IRP Modeling Summary.

(1) An identification of the document and the general subject matter of the materials or the portions of the document for which confidentiality is being requested;

Black Hills Power requests confidential treatment of Confidential Exhibit AMT-1 – Busbar Cost Study and Confidential Exhibit AMT-5 – Hitachi Energy IRP Modeling Summary on the grounds that the material contains confidential financial information that is not available to the general public and Black Hills Power is contractually obligated to request confidential protection related to this information.

(2) The length of time for which confidentiality is being requested and a request for handling at the end of that time. This does not preclude a later request to extend the period of confidential treatment;

Black Hills Power requests that the petition be recognized as confidential in perpetuity.

- (3) **The name, address, and phone number of a person to be contacted regarding the confidentiality request;**

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- (4) **The statutory or common law grounds and any administrative rules under which confidentiality is requested. Failure to include all possible grounds for confidential treatment does not preclude the party from raising additional grounds in the future;**

Black Hills Power requests confidential treatment because the information contains confidential financial information. The claim for confidential treatment is based on S.D. Admin. R. 20:10:01:39(4); S.D. Codified Laws § 15-15A-8; and S.D. Codified Laws § 15-6-26(c)(7).

- (5) **The factual basis that qualifies the information for confidentiality under the authority cited.**

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Sincerely,



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Enclosure