

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK) HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR) APPROVAL OF ITS 1999 ECONOMIC) DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT)	ORDER APPROVING 1999) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT) ANNUAL REPORT) EL00-015)
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On May 9, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Black Hills Power and Light Company's (BHPL) 1999 Economic Development Annual Report. The report was filed in accordance with the settlement agreement reached between BHPL and Commission Staff, and approved by the Commission in the company's most recent rate case filing, Docket EL95-003. This is the final economic development report required to be filed for approval.

The actual expenditures for the 1999 economic development plan were \$128,960.

On July 13, 2000, at a duly noticed meeting, the Commission reviewed BHPL's Economic Development Annual Report for 1999. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. After review of the report, the Commission found that it was just and reasonable and voted to approve it. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHPL's 1999 Economic Development Annual Report is approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 20th day of July, 2000.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.
By: <u><i>Arlene Kelbo</i></u>
Date: <u>7/20/00</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner