

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING FOR ) APPROVAL OF AN ELECTRIC SERVICE ) AGREEMENT BETWEEN BLACK HILLS ) POWER, INC. AND THE STATE OF SOUTH ) DAKOTA FOR OPERATIONS AT SOUTH ) DAKOTA SCHOOL OF MINES & ) TECHNOLOGY AND BLACK HILLS STATE ) UNIVERSITY )	ORDER APPROVING ) CONTRACT WITH ) DEVIATIONS )  EL05-013 )
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On April 7, 2005, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Black Hills Corporation (BHC) for approval of a Contract with Deviations to provide electric distribution and supplemental supply services to the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology and Black Hills State University (State). BHC filed the following tariff sheet for Commission approval:

Section No. 4, Third Revised Sheet No. 6, replacing Second Revised Sheet No. 6

On May 10, 2005, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract with Deviations. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that BHC's request for approval of a Contract with Deviations is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheet is effective for service rendered on and after May 1, 2005.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2005.

<b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b>	
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>Rebecca Kolbe</i></u>
Date:	<u>5/17/05</u>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Gary Hanson*  
 GARY HANSON, Chairman

*Robert K. Sahr*  
 ROBERT K. SAHR, Commissioner

*Dustin M. Johnson*  
 DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Commissioner *dk*