BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF	)	ORDER APPROVING
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR APPROVAL	)	DEFERRED COLLECTION
OF DEFERRED COLLECTION OF ITS	)	OF ELECTRIC COST
ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT	)	ADJUSTMENT
	)	EL11-003
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On February 14, 2011, Black Hills Power, Inc. filed an application for approval of deferred collection of the Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA) including the Conditional Energy Cost Adjustment, the Transmission Cost Adjustment and the Steam Plant Fuel Cost Adjustment. Specifically, Black Hills Power, Inc. is proposing that the applicable costs normally includable in the ECA for the period of January through March of 2010 that would be recovered beginning March 1, 2011, through February 28, 2012, be allowed to be deferred and collected in the energy cost adjustment beginning on June 1, 2011, through May 31, 2012. The need for this deferral is due to the change in timing of the energy cost adjustment clause calculation and recovery as approved in Docket EL09-018.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 22, 2011, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval of the petition with the condition that the deferral accounting method shall not preclude Commission review of these amounts for reasonableness for rate recovery. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the deferral.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Black Hills Power, Inc.'s application for deferred collection of its Electric Cost Adjustment is hereby granted.
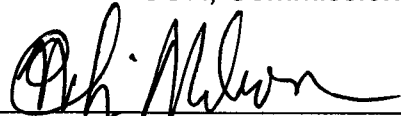
Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of March, 2011.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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STEVE KOLBECK, Chairman

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GARY HANSON, Commissioner

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CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner