

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)
BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR APPROVAL)
OF ITS ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT)
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**ORDER APPROVING)
ELECTRIC COST)
ADJUSTMENT)

EL11-009**

On April 29, 2011, the Commission received an application by Black Hills Power, Inc. for approval of 2011 Electric Cost Adjustment. The ECA for Black Hills Power was approved in Docket No. EL09-018 (the "EL09-018 ECA"). The EL09-018 ECA consists of two separate adjustments: 1) the Fuel and Purchased Power Adjustment (FPPA); and 2) the Transmission Cost Adjustment (TCA). Each adjustment applies to all rate schedules for all classes of service authorized by the Commission. The annual increase in the cost of service is approximately \$1,000,000 or 0.68% higher than the revenue billed to customers during the twelve months ending March 31, 2011. The Company states that overall, the increase to customers is primarily related to increased transmission costs for its system. On May 5, 2011, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 20, 2011, to interested individuals and entities. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Section 1	Twenty-third Revised Sheet No. 1, Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 3	Replaces Twenty-Second Revised Sheet No. 1 Replaces Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 3
Section 3C	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 1 Fifth Revised Sheet No. 5 Fourth Revised Sheet No. 5A Fifth Revised Sheet No. 8 Fifth Revised Sheet No. 11 First Revised Sheet No. 12 First Revised Sheet No. 16 First Revised Sheet No. 17	Replaces Fourth Revised Sheet No. 1 Replaces Fourth Revised Sheet No. 5 Replaces Third Revised Sheet No. 5A Replaces Fourth Revised Sheet No. 8 Replaces Fourth Revised Sheet No. 11 Replaces Original Sheet No. 12 Replaces Original Sheet No. 16 Replaces Original Sheet No. 17

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A and specifically SDCL 49-34A-25.

At its May 31, 2011, meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the 2011 Electric Cost Adjustment with revised tariff sheets effective June 1, 2011.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the 2011 Electric Cost Adjustment with revised tariff sheets with an effective date of June 1, 2011, is approved.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 17th day of June, 2011.

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: <u><i>Janis Udahl</i></u>
Date: <u>6-17-11</u>
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