

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR ) APPROVAL OF ITS ENVIRONMENTAL ) IMPROVEMENT ADJUSTMENT )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING ) ENVIRONMENTAL ) IMPROVEMENT ADJUSTMENT )  EL12-029 )</b>
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On April 16, 2012, Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) filed an Application for Environmental Improvement Adjustment with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission). The Application requests Commission approval of its revised Environmental Improvement Adjustment (EIA) in accordance with BHP's tariff provisions approved in Docket EL11-001. The Application provides the second year revenue requirement and customer rates for the environmental improvements made to the WYODAK Power Plant, along with the project cost true-up and an annual true-up. BHP requests a June 1, 2012, effective date. On April 19, 2012, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of May 1, 2012, to interested individuals and entities. No petitions for intervention were filed. On May 10, 2012, the Commission issued its Order Assessing Filing Fee assessing a fee up to the statutory limit of \$50,000. On May 11, 2012, BHP filed revised exhibits and tariff sheets and its jurisdictional report of earnings. On May 11, 2012, the Commission's staff (Staff) filed a Memorandum recommending approval of the 2012 EIA and the associated tariffs as filed on May 11, 2012.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

Section No. 1

Twenty-sixth Revised Sheet No. 1	Cancels Twenty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 1
Twenty-first Revised Sheet No. 2	Cancels Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 2
Twenty-first Revised Sheet No. 3	Cancels Twentieth Revised Sheet No. 3
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 4	Cancels Eighth Revised Sheet No. 4

Section No. 3C

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 11	Cancels Sixth Revised Sheet No. 11
First Revised Sheet No. 20	Cancels Original Sheet No. 20

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26, 49-1A, and 49-34A, particularly SDCL 49-34A-97 through 49-34A-100.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 22, 2012, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval. The Commission found and concluded that the revised exhibits and tariff sheets meet the standards for approval set forth in SDCL 49-34A-98 and voted unanimously to approve the revised 2012 EIA.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP's 2012 EIA, including the above referenced tariff sheets, is hereby approved, effective on and after June 1, 2012.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 24th day of May, 2012.

<p align="center"><b>CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Joy King</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>5-24-12</u></p> <p align="center">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p>
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

*Chris Nelson*  
CHRIS NELSON, Chairman

*Kristie Fiegen*  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner

*Gary Hanson*  
GARY HANSON, Commissioner