

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

**IN THE MATTER OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.)
DBA BLACK HILLS ENERGY'S APPLICATION)
FOR ADJUSTMENT IN ITS COGENERATION AND)
SMALL POWER PRODUCTION SERVICE)
SIMULTANEOUS NET BILLING GENERATION)
CREDIT RATE(S))**

**ORDER APPROVING
TARIFF REVISIONS**

EL16-042

On December 30, 2016, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) for approval of an adjustment to its Cogeneration and Small Power Production Service Simultaneous Net Billing Generation Credit Rate(s). This filing updates this generation credit rate based on BHE's current avoided costs. BHE requests an effective date of March 1, 2017.

On January 5, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 20, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On February 13, 2017, Richard A. Bell, PE, CEM filed a Petition to Intervene and requested a 90-day extension on the effective date of this matter. At its regularly scheduled meeting on February 28, 2017, the Commission granted intervention and the 90-day extension to Mr. Bell. On March 3, 2017, Mr. Bell filed a request for access to the Confidential Information contained in this docket in accordance with ARSD 20:10:01:43 and for the Commission to place a hold on the approved 90-day extension until the confidentiality treatment of this information is determined. On March 3, 2017, BHE filed a Petition for Confidential Treatment of Information and Exhibit A – Non-Disclosure Agreement. On May 11, 2017, BHE filed revised tariff sheets reflecting an updated generation credit rate of \$0.0275 per kWh, effective June 1, 2017. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 3B

Seventh Revised Sheet No. 1	Replaces Sixth Revised Sheet No. 1
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 2	Replaces Fifth Revised Sheet No. 2
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 3	Replaces Fifth Revised Sheet No. 3
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 4	Replaces Fifth Revised Sheet No. 4
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 5	Replaces Sixth Revised Sheet No. 5
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 6	Replaces Fourth Revised Sheet No. 6
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 9	Replaces Fifth Revised Sheet No. 9

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 16 U.S.C. Chapter 12, § 824a-3, 18 C.F.R. Part 292, SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-12, and 49-34A-93, and ARSD 20:10:13:02 through 20:10:13:28.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on May 23, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Commission staff recommended approval of the tariff revisions with a June 1, 2017, effective date. Finding the revisions to be just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the revisions, effective June 1, 2017. It is therefore

ORDERED, that that the above-referenced tariff sheets are approved, effective June 1, 2017.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 30th day of May, 2017.

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 or by mail.

By: Adam deHueck

Date: 5/30/17

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner