

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)
OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA)
BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR APPROVAL)
OF ITS 2016 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT)
REPORT AND 2017 ECONOMIC)
DEVELOPMENT PLAN)**

**ORDER APPROVING 2016
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2017 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL17-009

On February 28, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE), requesting approval of its 2016 Economic Development Report and its 2017 Economic Development Plan.

On March 2, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 17, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On March 29, 2017, April 17, 2017, and April 21, 2017, BHE responded to staff's data requests.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 27, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found the activities and contributions set forth therein to be just and reasonable and voted unanimously to approve BHE's 2016 Economic Development Report and the 2017 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's 2016 Economic Development Report and 2017 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th 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: <u>Adam Detbeck</u>
Date: <u>5/5/17</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner