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 TO MODIFY AND EXTEND ITS ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS PLAN	))))))	**ORDER APPROVING THREE-YEAR EXTENSION OF MODIFIED ENERGY EFFICENCY SOLUTIONS PLAN FOR PLAN YEARS 2017, 2018, AND 2019** **EL17-026**

On June 1, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) for approval of a three year extension of its current Energy Efficiency Solutions Plan (EESP) with minor modifications, to become effective on September 1, 2017. The Company proposes to remove certain residential measures from the current plan as they no longer demonstrate a total resource cost measure of 1.0 or greater.

On June 8, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of June 23, 2017, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On August 22, 2017, the Company filed its responses to Commission Staff's (Staff) data requests. On August 24, 2017, Staff filed its memorandum regarding recommendations for the docket.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.2, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on August 29, 2017, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval of the three-year extension of BHP's EESP with the modifications outlined in Staff's memorandum, effective September 1, 2017. Finding that BHP's application meets the standards set forth in the statutes cited above and the EESP with modifications is just and reasonable, the Commission voted unanimously to approve the three-year extension of BHP's EESP as revised per Staff's recommendations, effective September 1, 2017. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHP's proposed three-year extension of its EESP for Plan Years 2017, 2018, and 2019 is approved with the modifications proposed by the Company as well as the following modifications as proposed by Staff:

1) Removal of the Residential Audit and Weatherization Programs
2) Removal of the following individual measures that are a part of the High Efficiency HVAC Program:
   a. Air Source Heat Pump
   b. Ductless Mini-Split Heat Pump
   c. Heat Pump Water Heater
3) Moving all non-cost effective Commercial and Industrial Prescriptive Measures to the Commercial and Industrial Custom Program.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 1st day of September, 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: Karen E. Cremer

Date: 09/01/17

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

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Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner