

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

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) OF BLACK HILLS POWER INC., DBA ) BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR APPROVAL ) OF ITS TAX CUT AND JOBS ACT ) PROPOSAL )</b>	<b>ORDER APPROVING REVISED ) RATES AND ASSOCIATED ) TARIFF REVISIONS ON LESS ) THAN 30 DAYS' NOTICE )</b>
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**EL18-029**

On December 21, 2017, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing from Commission staff (Staff) requesting a docket (Docket GE17-003) be opened to investigate the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (TCJA) on South Dakota utilities. Staff also filed a Motion Requesting Order Requiring Comments and Securing Tax Effects for Customers as of January 1, 2018 (Motion). In the Motion, Staff requested the Commission investigate the effect the TCJA will have on South Dakota utilities and requested the Commission issue an order requiring utilities to submit comments on the effect the TCJA will have on each utility. Additionally, Staff requested the Commission issue an order that any adjustment to rates due to the TCJA be effective on January 1, 2018. On December 28, 2017, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of January 12, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. On December 29, 2017, the Commission issued an Order Requiring Comments; Order Requiring Rates in Effect January 1, 2018, are Subject to Refund; Order Granting Intervention. On January 29, 2018, NorthWestern Energy submitted initial comments and on February 1, 2018, Black Hills Energy, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co., MidAmerican Energy, Xcel Energy, and Otter Tail Power Co. filed initial comments.

On June 29, 2018, Black Hills Energy filed an Application and supporting exhibits setting forth its proposal related to the TCJA. The Application requested Commission approval of a one-time refund to ratepayers in October 2018 associated with TCJA customer benefits and proposed base rate revisions to be effective January 1, 2019, including a reduction to base rates due to future TCJA tax expense reductions and revisions to base rate customer charges.

On July 5, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of July 20, 2018, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On August 28, 2018, Staff and Black Hills Energy filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and a Settlement Stipulation. On August 28, 2018, staff and Black Hills Energy filed a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Settlement Stipulation. On September 7, 2018, the Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation; Order Approving Settlement Stipulation. On December 14, 2018, Black Hills Energy submitted a compliance filing regarding 2019 revised rates, including revised tariff pages. On December 21, 2018, Black Hills Energy submitted an amended tariff page.

The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 3

Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 1

Replaces Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 1

Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 2.	Replaces Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 2
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 3	Replaces Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 3
Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 4	Replaces Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 4
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 7	Replaces Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 7
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 8	Replaces Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 8
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 9	Replaces Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 9
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 11	Replaces Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 11
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 12	Replaces Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 12
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 14	Replaces Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 14
Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 16	Replaces Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 16
Nineteenth Revised Sheet No. 17	Replaces Eighteenth Revised Sheet No. 17
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 19	Replaces Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 19
Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 21	Replaces Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 21
Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 22	Replaces Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 22
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 23	Replaces Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 23
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 24	Replaces Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 24
Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 26	Replaces Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 26
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 31	Replaces Ninth Revised Sheet No. 31
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 32	Replaces Eighth Revised Sheet No. 32
First Revised Sheet No. 32A	Replaces Original Sheet No. 32A
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 33	Replaces Sixth Revised Sheet No. 33
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 34	Replaces Fifth Revised Sheet No. 34
Fifth Revised Sheet No. 35	Replaces Fourth Revised Sheet No. 35
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 36	Replaces Fifth Revised Sheet No. 36

Section No. 3A

Tenth Revised Sheet No. 1	Replaces Ninth Revised Sheet No. 1
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 2	Replaces Eighth Revised Sheet No. 2
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 3	Replaces Fifth Revised Sheet No. 3
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 4	Replaces Eighth Revised Sheet No. 4
Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 6	Replaces Tenth Revised Sheet No. 6
Ninth Revised Sheet No. 11	Replaces Eighth Revised Sheet No. 11
Tenth Revised Sheet No. 13	Replaces Ninth Revised Sheet No. 13
Seventh Revised Sheet No. 18	Replaces Sixth Revised Sheet No. 18

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, and 49-34A-26.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on December 28, 2018, the Commission considered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to approve Black Hills Energy's revised rates and associated tariff revisions on less than 30 days' notice with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

It is therefore

ORDERED, that Black Hills Energy's revised rates and above-referenced tariff sheets are approved on less than 30 days' notice with an effective date of January 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018.

**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 de Hueck

Date: 12/28/18

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Kristie Fiigen

KRISTIE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner