

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY ) BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA BLACK ) HILLS ENERGY FOR APPROVAL OF A ) RENEWABLE READY SERVICE TARIFF ) AND TARIFF REVISIONS TO ITS ENERGY ) COST ADJUSTMENT ) )	ORDER GRANTING JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION; ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT STIPULATION  <b>EL18-060</b>
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On December 17, 2018, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHP) for approval to implement a new renewable ready service tariff and associated revisions to its energy cost adjustment tariff. The new tariff would serve commercial retail customers with an aggregate usage of 300,000 kWh or more per year and governmental accounts desiring renewable energy. BHP states this application is made in response to requests and interest expressed by large customers within the BHP service area. BHP states the tariff is designed to provide renewable energy to BHP customers with minimal impact to non-subscribing customers. BHP requests an effective date of August 1, 2019.

On December 20, 2018, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the Application and the intervention deadline of January 4, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings listserv. On February 11, 2019, Walmart, Inc. filed a Petition to Intervene which was granted by the Commission on March 7, 2019. On June 18, 2019, a Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and Settlement Stipulation were filed with the Commission.

The Commission has jurisdiction in this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, specifically, 1-26-20, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.4, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12 49-34A-19, 49-34A-21.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on June 25, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Having thoroughly reviewed the filings in the docket and after making further inquiry of the parties, the Commission found that the terms and conditions proposed in the Settlement Stipulation were just, reasonable, and in the public interest, and that good and sufficient cause was demonstrated to approve the Settlement Stipulation. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation and approve the Settlement Stipulation and the following tariff sheets as filed with the application or subsequently filed on 6/21/19 and 6/24/19:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 3

Ninth Revised Sheet No. 5  
Original Sheet No. 5A  
Original Sheet No. 5B  
Original Sheet No. 5C  
Original Sheet No. 5D

Replaces Eighth Revised Sheet No. 5

Section No. 3C

Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 12  
Second Revised Sheet No. 13

Cancels Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 12  
Cancels First Sheet No. 13

It is therefore

ORDERED, that the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation is hereby granted, and the Settlement Stipulation is hereby approved. The Settlement Stipulation is incorporated by reference into this Order the same as if it had been set forth in its entirety herein. It is further

ORDERED, that the aforementioned tariff sheets are hereby approved with an effective date of August 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019.

**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: 6/27/19

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson  
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson  
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen  
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner