

**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)
2018 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT)
AND 2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN)

**ORDER APPROVING 2018
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2019 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL19-011

On March 1, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) requesting approval of its 2017 Economic Development Report and its 2019 Economic Development Plan and Budget in compliance with the settlement stipulation in Docket EL14-026.

On March 7, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 22, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed.

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 May 2, 2019, 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 2018 Economic Development Report and the 2019 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's 2018 Economic Development Report and 2019 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 8th day of May 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: <u>Karen E. Cremer</u>
Date: <u>05/08/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner