

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	ORDER APPROVING ENERGY
OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. DBA)	EFFICENCY SOLUTIONS PLAN
BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR)	STATUS REPORT FOR PROGRAM
APPROVAL OF A REVISION TO THE)	YEAR 2018 AND UPDATED EESA
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL)	COST RECOVERY FACTORS
ENERGY EFFICIENCY SOLUTIONS)	
ADJUSTMENT (EESA) RATES)	EL19-034

On October 1, 2019, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) for approval of a revision to its Energy Efficiency Solutions Adjustment (EESA) Rate for commercial and industrial services. BHP requests approval to revise this EESA rate effective December 1, 2019. Specifically, BHP proposes to increase the Commercial and Industrial Service EESA rate of \$0.0010/kWh to \$0.0015/kWh. BHP also filed its Energy Efficiency Plan Status Report for Program Year 2018 and Balancing Account for Program Year 2018.

On October 3, 2019, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of October 18, 2019, to interested individuals and entities on the Commission's PUC Weekly Filings electronic listserv. No petitions to intervene or comments were filed. On November 22, 2019, Staff filed its Staff Memorandum. BHE filed the following revised tariff pages:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 3C

Twenty-sixth Revised Sheet No. 11

Eighth Revised Sheet No. 21

Cancels Twenty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 11

Cancels Seventh Revised Sheet No. 21

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 November 26, 2019, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended the Commission approve the updated Program Year 2018 Status Report; the balancing account for Program Year 2018 fixed percentage incentive recovery of \$257,992; revise the Portfolio to eliminate the following individual measure that is a part of the Residential High Efficiency HVAC Program: Heat Pump SEER ≥ 15 , EER ≥ 12.5 , HSPF ≥ 8.5 Replace Electric Furnace; and approve the proposed revised EESA rates of \$0.0004/kWh for residential service and \$0.0015/kWh for commercial and industrial service and the associated tariff sheets with an effective date of December 1, 2019. After considering this matter, the Commission voted unanimously to approve BHE's filing per Commission staff's recommendations. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's updated status report for Program Year 2018 and the balancing account for Program Year 2018, including the Program Year 2018 fixed percentage incentive recovery of \$257,992, are hereby approved. It is further

ORDERED, that the Portfolio be revised to eliminate the following individual measure that is a part of the Residential High Efficiency HVAC Program: Heat Pump SEER ≥15, EER ≥12.5, HSPF ≥8.5 Replace Electric Furnace. It is further

ORDERED, that the proposed EESA rates of \$0.0004/kWh for residential service and \$0.0015/kWh for commercial and industrial services are hereby approved, effective December 1, 2019. It is further

ORDERED, that the tariff sheets referenced above are hereby approved effective for services rendered on and after December 1, 2019.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of November 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>Adam de Hueck</u>
Date: <u>11/27/19</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HAMSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner