

**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 2017 ENVIRONMENTAL) IMPROVEMENT ADJUSTMENT))))	ORDER GRANTING REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF FILING DEADLINE FOR 2019 JURISDICTIONAL EARNINGS REPORT EL17-008
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On February 15, 2017, Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) filed an Application for Approval of its 2017 Environmental Improvement Adjustment. On June 9, 2017, BHE and Commission staff (staff) filed a Settlement Stipulation and Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation on June 20, 2017. On May 1, 2018, BHE and staff filed an Amendment to Settlement Stipulation and Joint Motion for Approval of Amendment to Settlement Stipulation. The Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Amendment to Settlement Stipulation on May 16, 2018. On December 31, 2019, BHE and staff filed a Second Amendment to Settlement Stipulation and Joint Motion for Approval of Second Amendment to Settlement Stipulation. The Commission issued an Order Granting Joint Motion for Approval of Second Amendment to Settlement Stipulation on January 10, 2020. Pursuant to the Settlement Stipulation, BHE is required to prepare and file a normalized jurisdictional earnings report for the preceding calendar year on or before May 1 of each year. On April 14, 2020, BHE filed a letter requesting an extension of its 2019 normalized jurisdictional earnings report filing date to July 1, 2020.

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, 49-34A-8.4, and 49-34A-11.

At its regularly scheduled meeting on April 29, 2020, the Commission considered this matter. Having thoroughly reviewed the request, and Staff having not objected to the request, the Commission found that good cause existed to grant the request due to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Commission voted unanimously to grant the request for an extension of the 2019 normalized jurisdictional earnings report filing date to July 1, 2020. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's request for an extension of the 2019 normalized jurisdictional earnings report filing date to July 1, 2020, is hereby granted.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 5th day of May 2020.

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.
By: <u>Adam deHueck</u>
Date: May 5, 2020
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner