

**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)
2019 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT)
AND 2020 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN)
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**ORDER APPROVING 2019
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
REPORT AND 2020 ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

EL20-008

On February 28, 2020, the Commission received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) requesting approval of its 2019 Economic Development Report and its 2020 Economic Development Plan and Budget. BHE makes this filing in compliance with the settlement stipulation approved in Docket EL14-026. BHE provides actual economic development expenses for 2019 and information regarding the memberships, community sponsorships, and other activities the program supports as well as the 2020 budget and planned economic development activities for the year.

On March 5, 2020, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 20, 2020, 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 March 31, 2020, 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 2019 Economic Development Report and the 2020 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's 2019 Economic Development Report and 2020 Economic Development Plan are approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 2nd day of April 2020.

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| 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 deHuelle</u> |
| Date: April 2, 2020 |
| (OFFICIAL SEAL) |

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Chris Nelson
CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner

Kristie Fiegen
KRISTIE FIEGEN, Commissioner