

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

**IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION
OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE ITS
ELECTRIC RATES**

**) JOINT MOTION FOR
) APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT
) STIPULATION
)**

EL14-026

Black Hills Power, Inc. and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby file the above-referenced Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation. The Parties request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all of the issues between these Parties in this proceeding. In support of this Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all of the issues between these Parties in EL14-026.
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all of the issues between these Parties in Docket No. EL14-026.
4. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable and consistent with South Dakota law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission to: 1) grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, 2) adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in this proceeding, and 3) enter an Order finding that the attached Settlement Stipulation results in just and reasonable rates for customers of Black Hills Power, Inc.

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