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 2023 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND 2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN	)	**ORDER APPROVING 2023 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT REPORT AND 2024 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN**
	)	**EL24-006**

On February 29, 2024, the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received an application from Black Hills Power, Inc. dba Black Hills Energy (BHE) requesting approval of its 2023 Economic Development Report and its 2024 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 2023 and information regarding the memberships, community sponsorships, and other activities the program supports as well as the 2024 budget and planned economic development activities for the year.

On March 7, 2024, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of March 22, 2024, 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 April 11, 2024, 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 2023 Economic Development Report and its 2024 Economic Development Plan. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHE's 2023 Economic Development Report and 2024 Economic Development Plan are hereby approved as filed.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 12th day of April 2024.

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: Kristin Edwards

Date: 12 April 2024

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

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KRISITE FIEGEN, Chairperson

Gary Hanson

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Chris Nelson

CHRIS NELSON, Commissioner