

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK)	ORDER APPROVING
HILLS CORPORATION D/B/A BLACK HILLS)	CONTRACT WITH
POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR)	DEVIATIONS
APPROVAL OF A CONTRACT WITH)	
DEVIATIONS WITH THE UNITED STATES AIR)	EL00-007
FORCE)	

On March 14, 2000, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received a filing by Black Hills Corporation d/b/a Black Hills Power and Light Company (BHP&L) for approval of a Contract with Deviations with the United States Air Force (Air Force). The contract replaces an electric service agreement #9032 between the parties which terminated on January 29, 2000. The new contract has a ten year term beginning on January 29, 2000. BHP&L filed the following tariff sheets for Commission approval:

Section No. 1, Seventh Revised Sheet No. 3, replacing Sixth Revised Sheet No. 3
Section No. 4, First Revised Sheet No. 5, replacing Original Sheet No. 5

On May 17, 2000, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered the request for approval of the Contract with Deviations. Commission Staff recommended approval.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL 49-34A, specifically, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-10, and 49-34A-11. Further, the Commission finds that BHP&L's request for approval of a Contract with Deviations is just and reasonable and shall be approved. (Commissioner Nelson dissenting on the effective date of January 29, 2000). As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that the request seeking approval of a Contract with Deviations is in the public interest and is hereby granted. It is further

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariff sheets are effective for service rendered on and after January 29, 2000.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 23rd day of May, 2000.

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, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

By: *Arlaine Kelbo*

Date: 5/25/00

(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner, dissenting
on the effective date of January 29, 2000

Laska Schoenfelder
LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner