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Ms Patricia Van Gerpen
Executive Director
South Dakota Public Utilities Commission
500 East Capitol
Pierre, SD 57504-5070

Re: Black Hills Power, Inc. – South Dakota Renewable Energy Objective Report

Dear Ms Van Gerpen:

Pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-105, Annual Reports Concerning Renewable and Recycled Energy Objective, following is a status of Black Hills Power's renewable energy program.

Black Hills Power does not currently own any renewable generation, however, Black Hills Power has a purchase power agreement for old hydro and a purchase power agreement for wind energy.

In 2008, renewable resources accounted for 1.7% of retail energy sales for Black Hills Power. Black Hills Power anticipates renewable resources will serve approximately 3.6% of 2009 retail energy sales. Black Hills Power will continue to pursue prudent renewable energy generation and purchase opportunities that will achieve environmental improvements at the lowest reasonable cost to customers and a fair return to shareholders.

Feel free to contact me if there are any questions related to this report.

Sincerely,

Chris Kilpatrick

Please provide a value in each of the boxes below with an "X" in it.

Company:
Black Hills Power

Calendar Year 2008 RREO Report	Value	Comments
Retail Sales		
Total - All States (MWh)	2,330,870	
SD (MWh)	1,466,488	
Generation Capacity Owned		
Total - All States (MW)	434	
SD (MW)	175	
Renewable Generation Capacity Owned		
Total - All States (MW)		Black Hills Power (BHP) currently does not own any renewable generation, however, it has purchase power agreements for Old Hydro and wind energy. In September 2008, the wind project became operational and Black Hills Power began purchasing energy. Based on a projection of a full year of operation from the wind project and the current output from the Old Hydro, we anticipate these renewable resources will serve approximately 3.6% of the total retail sales for Black Hills Power in 2009.
Wind	-	
Solar	-	
New Hydro	-	
Old Hydro	-	
Hydrogen	-	
Biomass	-	
Geothermal	-	
Recycled	-	
Total - All States (MW)	-	
SD (MW)		
Wind	-	
Solar	-	
New Hydro	-	
Old Hydro	-	
Hydrogen	-	
Biomass	-	
Geothermal	-	
Recycled	-	
Total SD (MW)	-	
Renewable Energy Credits Retired for SD		
Total - Generated In All States (MWh)		
Wind	-	
Solar	-	
New Hydro	-	
Old Hydro	-	
Hydrogen	-	
Biomass	-	
Geothermal	-	
Recycled	-	
Total - All States (MWh)	-	
Generated in SD (MWh)		
Wind	-	
Solar	-	
New Hydro	-	
Old Hydro	-	
Hydrogen	-	
Biomass	-	
Geothermal	-	
Recycled	-	
Total SD (MWh)	-	
Renewable Energy Credits Retired for Other States		
Total - Generated In All States (MWh)		
Wind	-	
Solar	-	
New Hydro	-	
Old Hydro	-	
Hydrogen	-	
Biomass	-	
Geothermal	-	
Recycled	-	
Total - All States (MWh)	-	
Generated in SD (MWh)		
Wind	-	
Solar	-	
New Hydro	-	
Old Hydro	-	
Hydrogen	-	
Biomass	-	
Geothermal	-	
Recycled	-	
Total SD (MWh)	-	
Conserved Energy & Capacity		
Conserved Energy (MWh)		
Total - All States		BHP does not currently track Conserved Energy, but is in the process of establishing a tracking method for all states including SD.
SD		
Conserved Capacity (MW)		
Total - All States		BHP does not currently track Conserved Energy, but is in the process of establishing a tracking method for all states including SD.
SD		