

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.
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REQUEST DATE : December 18, 2009
RESPONSE DATE : January 8, 2010
REQUESTING PARTY: South Dakota Peace and Justice Intervenors

SDPJI Request No. 2-29: (a) State whether it is the position of Black Hills Power that BHP's retail ratepayers will not have to pay the costs of the emissions allowances referenced in Data Requests 27 and 28 from the Residential Consumers Coalition.

(b) Provide a detailed explanation for the answer to part (a).

Response to SDPJI Request No. 2-29: It is the position of Black Hills Power that its retail customers will pay their share of costs related to governmental impositions on generation plants, such as carbon tax and emissions allowances. Costs related to governmental impositions on generation plants will be recovered through both the Steam Plant Fuel Cost Adjustment and the Conditional Energy Cost Adjustment. See the testimony of Christopher J. Kilpatrick.