

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.
d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY
EL24-001

REQUEST DATE : 02/01/2024

RESPONSE DATE : 02/13/2024

REQUESTING PARTY: Staff

SDPUC Request No. 1.1:

Referring to the cover letter, please provide additional support for the requested electric service territory change in accordance with SDCL 49-34A-43.

- a. How is it more efficient for BHEC to serve the property?
- b. Is it more cost effective for the customer? If yes, please provide the expected cost savings for the customer.
- c. How does the change in service territory help to eliminate or avoid unnecessary duplication of facilities?
- d. Does BHEC's system have the capacity to provide adequate electric service to all areas and customers affected? Please explain.

Response to SDPUC Request No. 1.1:

- a. BHEC currently has an existing line on the piece of property.
- b. BHEC cost to serve is approximately \$4,591.85. Black Hills Power's cost to serve is approximately \$28,859.57, assuming we can get the proper easements.
- c. BHEC has existing facilities on the piece of property. Black Hills Power will have to extend service from across Highway 89.
- d. Yes. BHEC has an existing line on the property with enough capacity to serve the area.

Responder: Ken Meirose

Attachments: None