

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE FILING BY BLACK)	ORDER APPROVING 1998
HILLS POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY FOR)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
APPROVAL OF ITS 1998 ECONOMIC)	ANNUAL REPORT AND 1999
DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT AND 1999)	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN)	PLAN
)	EL99-007

On May 5, 1999, the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) received Black Hills Power and Light Company's (BHPL) 1998 Economic Development Annual Report. On May 6, 1999, the Commission received BHPL's proposed Economic Development Plan for 1999. The report and proposed plan were filed in accordance with the settlement agreement reached between BHPL and Commission Staff, and approved by the Commission in the company's most recent rate case filing, Docket EL95-003.

For 1999, BHPL's proposed economic development investment budget is \$127,200. The actual expenditures for the 1998 economic development plan were \$83,463.

On July 29, 1999, at a duly noticed meeting, the Commission reviewed BHPL's Economic Development Annual Report for 1998 and Economic Development Plan for 1999. The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A, specifically, SDCL 49-34A-4 and 49-34A-6. After review of the report and plan, the Commission found that they are just and reasonable and voted to approve them. It is therefore

ORDERED, that BHPL's 1998 Economic Development Annual Report and Economic Development Plan for 1999 are approved as revised.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 6th day of August, 1999.

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: <u><i>William Kalbo</i></u>
Date: <u>8/6/99</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

James A. Burg
JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

Pam Nelson
PAM NELSON, Commissioner

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LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner