BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

JAMES A. BURG, Chairman

PAM NELSON, Commissioner

LASKA SCHOENFELDER, Commissioner