

**BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.**  
SD PUC DOCKET: EL15-012  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

REQUEST DATE : April 17, 2015

RESPONSE DATE : May 8, 2015

REQUESTING PARTY: SDPUC Staff

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**SDPUC Request No. 1-3:**

Please identify what measures Black Hills Power plans to use for determining the effectiveness of economic development activities in 2015.

**Response to SDPUC Request No. 1-3:**

Black Hills Power supports economic development organizations that focus on business development and increase economic opportunities for customers in our service territory. Black Hills Power reviews economic indicators such as job creation, building permit valuations, sales tax, and population to gauge economic growth. In addition, Black Hills Power reviews each economic development organization's annual report for accomplishments to determine effectiveness.