

**BEFORE THE SOUTH DAKOTA  
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION**

<b>IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION ) OF BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR ) APPROVAL OF ITS 2015 ENVIRONMENTAL ) IMPROVEMENT ADJUSTMENT )</b>	<b>JOINT MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT STIPULATION EL15-008</b>
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Black Hills Power, Inc. and the Staff of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission, jointly referred to as "Parties," hereby request that the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approve the attached Settlement Stipulation as the settlement and resolution of all of the issues in this proceeding. In support of this Joint Motion, the Parties submit as follows:

1. This Joint Motion is made pursuant to ARSD 20:10:01:19.
2. The Settlement Stipulation resolves all of the issues in Docket EL15-008.
3. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation represent a negotiated settlement of all of the issues in Docket EL15-008.
4. The terms of the Settlement Stipulation agreed upon are just and reasonable, and consistent the South Dakota law.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, the undersigned Parties jointly request the Commission to: (1) grant the Joint Motion for Approval of Settlement Stipulation, (2) adopt the attached Settlement Stipulation without modification for the purpose of resolving all issues in this rate proceeding, and (3) enter an Order finding that the attached Settlement Stipulation results in just and reasonable rates for customers of Black Hills Power, Inc.

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