

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

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER APPROVING
BLACK HILLS POWER INC. FOR APPROVAL)	ELECTRIC COST
OF ITS ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT)	ADJUSTMENT

EL08-002

On February 1, 2008, Black Hills Power, Inc. filed for Commission approval of an increase to its Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA) to be effective for service on and after March 1, 2008. The ECA consists of a Conditional Energy Cost Adjustment, Transmission Cost Adjustment and Steam Plant Fuel Cost Adjustment. The net of these three adjustments result in an approximately \$800,000 increase in the cost of service and will affect approximately 63,000 retail customers in South Dakota. The company asked for approval of the following tariff sheets of its Electric Rate Schedule:

Section No. 1 Table Of Contents

Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 1	Replaces Fifteenth Sheet No. 1
Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 3	Replaces Twelfth Sheet No. 3

Section No. 2 Preliminary Statements

Original Sheet No.'s 2, 2A, 2B, 2C, and 2D

Section No. 3C Adjustment Tariffs

First Revised Sheet No. 1	Replaces Original Sheet No. 1
First Revised Sheet No. 5	Replaces Original Sheet No. 5
Original Sheet No. 5A	
First Revised Sheet No. 6	Replaces Original Sheet No. 6
First Revised Sheet No. 7	Replaces Original Sheet No. 7
First Revised Sheet No. 8	Replaces Original Sheet No. 8
Original Sheet No. 11	

On February 6, 2008, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 22, 2008, to interested individuals and entities. No parties filed to intervene.

On February 26, 2008, at its regularly scheduled meeting, the Commission considered this matter. Staff recommended approval subject to the removal of the proposed tariffs titled Rate Summary Sheet that are found in Section No. 2, Original Sheet No.'s 2, 2A, 2B, 2C and 2D of the filing which the company agreed to.

The Commission asserts jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. The Commission voted unanimously to approve the aforementioned tariff sheets exclusive of Section No. 2. The Commission finds the filing is just and reasonable and shall be approved. As the Commission's final decision in this matter, it is therefore

ORDERED, that Black Hills Power, Inc.'s aforementioned tariff sheets exclusive of Section No. 2 are approved and shall be effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 2008.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 18th day of March, 2008.

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, electronically.
By: <u><i>Amisa Jambhler</i></u>
Date: <u>3/18/08</u>
(OFFICIAL SEAL)

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

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