

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

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| IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF) | ORDER APPROVING |
| BLACK HILLS POWER, INC. FOR APPROVAL) | ELECTRIC COST |
| OF ITS ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT) | ADJUSTMENT |
|) | EL09-002 |

On January 30, 2009, Black Hills Power, Inc. (BHP) filed for Commission approval of an increase to its Electric Cost Adjustment (ECA) to be effective for service on and after March 1, 2009. 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 approximate \$6,455,000 increase in the cost of service and will affect approximately 63,500 retail customers in South Dakota. The revised tariff sheets are as follows:

South Dakota Electric Rate Book

Section No. 1

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| Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 1 | Replaces Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 1 |
| Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 3 | Replaces Thirteenth Revised Sheet No. 3 |

Section No. 3C

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| Second Revised Sheet No. 1 | Replaces First Revised Sheet No. 1 |
| Second Revised Sheet No. 5 | Replaces First Revised Sheet No. 5 |
| First Revised Sheet No. 5A | Replaces Original Sheet No. 5A |
| Second Revised Sheet No. 8 | Replaces First Revised Sheet No. 8 |
| First Revised Sheet No. 11 | Replaces Original Sheet No. 11 |

On February 5, 2009, the Commission electronically transmitted notice of the filing and the intervention deadline of February 20, 2009, to interested individuals and entities. No parties filed to intervene.

At its regularly scheduled meeting of February 24, 2009, the Commission considered this matter. Commission Staff recommended approval. The Commission unanimously voted to approve the above-referenced tariff sheets.

The Commission finds that it has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapter 49-34A. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the above-referenced tariffs are approved and are effective for service rendered on and after March 1, 2009.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 4th day of March, 2009.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE</p> <p>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.</p> <p>By: <u><i>Alaine Kolbo</i></u></p> <p>Date: <u>3/5/09</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">(OFFICIAL SEAL)</p> |
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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Dustin M. Johnson
DUSTIN M. JOHNSON, Chairman

Steve Kolbeck
STEVE KOLBECK, Commissioner

Gary Hanson
GARY HANSON, Commissioner