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To: Transmission Customer

In February 2007, the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued its Order 890. Among other things, Order 890 is designed to increase transparency through new rules applicable to planning and the use of the transmission system. This requirement is in addition to the FERC Standards and the requirements under Black Hills Power, Inc., Basin Electric Power Cooperative, and Powder River Energy Corporation's FERC Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff (BHBE Tariff).

The requirement for data submittal is supported by the following: FERC Order 890 at paragraph 487, for point-to-point customers; BHBE Tariff at paragraph 31.6, for network customers; and MOD 016-021 for the load serving entities and generators. The BHBE Tariff participant's (Transmission Provider) request for data does not replace other customer obligations cited in the above-referenced Orders, Standards, or BHBE Tariff requirements, including the various processes for a customer to receive, modify or amend its transmission service arrangement with Transmission Provider.

In order to meet the new planning and transparency rules, Transmission Provider is making this formal request to its Network Customers (or the load serving entity) and Point-To-Point Customers with firm long-term requests (i.e., one year or longer) to provide their historical and forecast load and resource data. This data should be your best estimate and should include, but not be limited to, a description of the energy and peak load at each delivery point, minimum load at each delivery point, the voltage level, and the forecasted resources that will serve these loads. The forecast information provided in your response will be utilized for planning and reporting purposes. Additional information pertaining to these requests can be found in our Attachment K and associated business practices located on the BHBE OASIS website at <http://www.oatioasis.com/BHBE>.

All data and information supplied is confidential; your data will be combined with other customer responses, and only Transmission Provider's aggregate numbers will be used to respond to the Western Electricity Coordinating Council (WECC) and

FERC/NERC data requests. Confidential information will be administered according to the FERC Standards of Conduct and Critical Energy Infrastructure Information.

Transmission Provider requests that you provide your data as soon as possible, but no later than **February 7, 2008**. This data will be used for local, sub-regional and regional planning efforts and therefore, data received after February 7 may not be included in the 2008 transmission plan. Since the rules require annual updates, you will receive a similar data request around the September timeframe of each year, beginning with 2008. This timeframe is set so Transmission Provider will be responsive to WECC and FERC data requests. If there is a major change in the data before your next annual submittal, you should provide Transmission Provider with the adjusted data as soon as possible.

Attached is an Excel spreadsheet and instructions which is to be used for your data submittal. Please return the completed spreadsheet to Eric Egge at eegge@blackhillspower.com. Any technical questions you have may be directed to Eric as well, who can be reached at 605.721.2646.

If you have any other questions, you may email me at vcrocker@blackhillspower.com or contact me by phone at 605.721.2226.

Thank you for your prompt attention and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

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