

Attachment a

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Attachment b

Settlement Agreement(s)

CONFIDENTIAL

(May be publicly filed at the time of filing with FERC)



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February 26, 2010

Stuart Wevik
Vice President, Electric Utilities
Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP

Re: Notice of Proposed Expedited Disposition of Pending Violations or Alleged Violations

Dear Stuart,

This letter gives notice that WECC proposes expedited disposition of the pending violations or alleged violations listed in Attachment B. Please review the information below and respond in writing no later than 15 days from the date of this Notice. Responses should be directed to Chris Luras, Manager of Compliance Enforcement, at cluras@wecc.biz. If you have questions, please call Mr. Luras at (801) 891-7127.

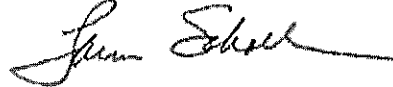
WECC intends to file with the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC") a request to expedite resolution of the pending violation listed in Attachment B and to accept disposition of this violation or alleged violation under the terms of the Agreement in Attachment A hereto, based on the following factors:

- The violation does not pose a high risk to system reliability.
- The violation occurred prior to July 2008.
- The violation has been mitigated with mitigation plan completion verified by WECC.

This proposed expedited disposition will result in the assessment of zero penalties for the violation listed in Attachment B if this disposition is accepted by Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP and by NERC and FERC.

If Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP accepts this proposed expedited disposition, sign the attached Agreement and return it to WECC within 15 days after the date of this Notice. If Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP does not respond within 15 days, WECC will deem this Agreement accepted by Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP.

Cordially,



Managing Director of Compliance
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Attachments:

A – Agreement

B – List of Violations

cc: Bob Case, BHCE NERC Compliance Manager

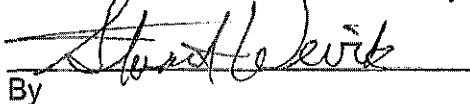
ATTACHMENT A

AGREEMENT

Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP and WECC agree to the following:

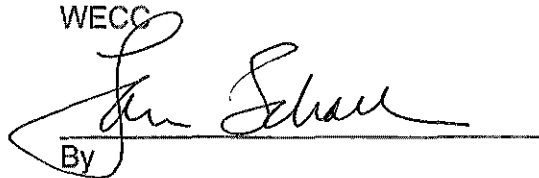
1. Acceptance of this Agreement results in the assessment of zero penalties for the violations listed in Attachment B, subject to approval or modification by the North American Electric Reliability Corporation ("NERC") and the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission ("FERC").
2. The violations listed in Attachment B will be considered Confirmed Violations for all purposes and may be used as aggravating factors in accordance with the NERC Sanction Guidelines for determining appropriate monetary penalties or sanctions for future violations.
3. The expedited disposition agreed to herein represents a full and final disposition of the violations listed in Attachment B, subject to approval or modification by NERC and FERC.

Accepted:
Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP

By 

Date March 3, 2010

WECC

By 

Date 3/5/2010

ATTACHMENT B

List of Violations

NERC Violation ID	Registered Entity	Standard	Requirement
TBD	Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP	PRC-005-1	2

Attachment c

Mitigation Plan

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Attachment d

Registered Entity's Certification of Completion

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Attachment e

Regional Entity's Verification of Completion

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