# BHP 2024 Formula Rate True-Up Meeting

June 2025





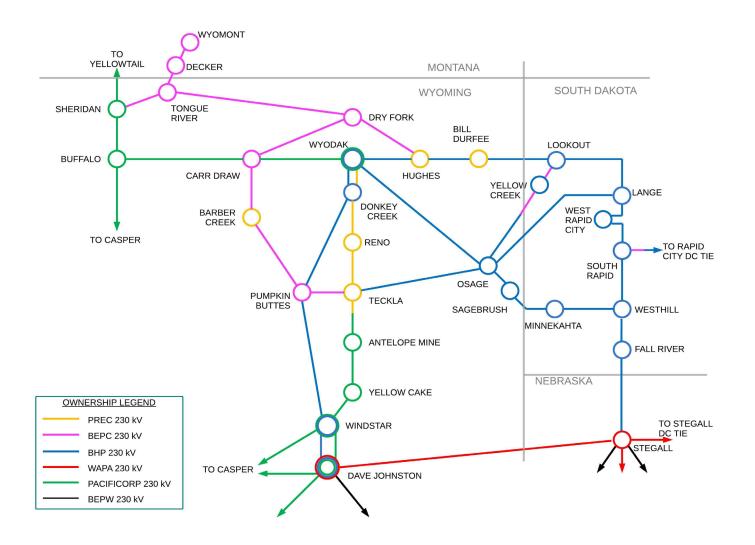
# **Agenda**

- Introductions
- CUS Transmission System Overview
- CUS Protocols
- Discuss the 2024 Annual True-Up
  - Summary of Key Drivers
  - 2024 Actual vs Estimated
  - Adjustments to FERC Form 1 Data
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- Where to Find Information and be Engaged
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# **CUS Transmission System**

- ➤ The Common Use System (CUS) is a jointly operated transmission system. The CUS participants include Basin Electric Power Cooperative, Black Hills Power Inc. and Powder River Energy Corporation.
- ➤ The CUS has filed a joint open-access transmission tariff with FERC that provides transmission service over these combined assets and that consist of 230 kV transmission facilities and limited 69 kV transmission facilities, primarily located within areas of Southwestern South Dakota and Northeastern Wyoming.

# **Common Use System**



#### **Formula Rate Protocols**

By September 30 Projection for Upcoming Rate Year

By July 1
Customer
Meeting to
Discuss True-Up

By October 30
Customer
Meeting to
discuss
Projection

By June 1 Perform Annual True-Up

January 1
Projected Rate
effective for calendar
year

April 18
File FERC Form 1

March 1
Informational
Filing with
Commission

# **Summary of Key Drivers**

- Increase in total annual revenue requirement of approximately \$265,000 from the 2024 estimate.
- Rate Drivers:
  - FERC approved Black Hills Power's Order 864\* compliance filing which added two worksheets to the tariff and will facilitate transparent tracking of BHP's annual amortization of Excess Deferred Income Tax, which is included in the income tax amount.
    - ➤ The 2024 projection was based on the 2022 actuals which did not include the EDIT amortization.
    - The 2024 current year amortization of EDIT of \$397,308.
  - O&M expenses in actuals were lower than projected driven by lower outside services and labor and benefits costs as well as lower property taxes due to a decrease in SD tax rates.



#### 2024 Projected Revenue Requirement Compared to Actual

									2024 True-up
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Bla	Black Hills Power Attachment H		2023 Actual		2024 Actual		2024 Estimated		Estimate
1 .	Average Transmission Rate Base	\$	192,841,724	\$	197,935,883	\$	183,279,064	\$	14,656,819
2	Weighted Rate of Return		8.76%		8.87%		8.76%		
1 Re	turn on Average Rate Base		16,896,295		17,565,313		16,058,439	\$	1,506,874
2 Or	perating Expenses								
3	Operations & Maintenance	\$	4,997,717	\$	4,308,178	\$	5,097,876	\$	(789,698)
4	Depreciation		6,472,380		6,580,022		6,640,048	\$	(60,026)
5	Taxes Other Than Income		1,561,538		1,475,369		1,710,373	\$	(235,005)
6 To	tal Operating Expenses	\$	13,031,634	\$	12,363,569	\$	13,448,297	\$	(1,084,729)
7 Inc	come Taxes	\$	1,079,908	\$	2,841,724	\$	2,999,188	\$	(157,464)
8 To	tal Revenue Requirement	\$	31,007,837	\$	32,770,606	\$	32,505,925	\$	264,681
Component Annual Revenue Requirements									
	Black Hills	\$	31,007,776	\$	32,770,606	\$	32,505,925		264,681
10	Basin Electric		16,482,130		16,482,130		16,482,130		-
11	PRECorp		2,123,466		2,123,466		2,123,466		-
12 To	tal Annual Revenue Requirements	\$	49,613,372	\$	51,376,202	\$	51,111,521	\$	264,681
13 Revenue Credits			(1,081,814)		(1,563,879)		(877,241)		(686,638)
14 Net Annual Revenue Requirements		\$	48,531,558	\$	49,812,323	\$	50,234,280	\$	(421,957)
15	Network Load kW per Year		966,972		964,333		1,003,778		(39,445)
	Rate (\$/kW-Yr)	\$	50.19	\$	51.65	\$	50.05	\$	1.61
	TRUE-UP AMOUNT TO BE (REFUNDED)/PAID			\$	264,681				

#### Adjustments to FERC Form 1 data

- Black Hills calculated the 2024 True-Up with the following modifications to data from the FERC Form 1:
  - Plant in Service and associated Accumulated Depreciation balances by Functional categories were evaluated to ensure the following were excluded from rate base:
    - Horizon Point Company Headquarters
    - Asset Retirement Obligation
    - Right of Use Operating Lease
  - In prior true-ups, Black Hills Power manually calculated a workpaper to show a reconciliation between state approved and FERC approved depreciation rates in its determination of accumulated depreciation.
    - Black Hills Power has implemented a software solution that allows the Company to calculate FERC accumulated reserve at the utility account level.
      - As such, this information is now sourced directly from the FF1.
      - This information is included on page 219 of the FF1, including the footnote in section B.
      - A reconciliation of accumulated depreciation to account for the difference between state depreciation rates and FERC deprecation rates can be found on WP13 in the supplemental supporting schedules.

# Changes in Formula Rate References (changes in page and line numbers for FERC Form 1)

- Over the years FERC has changed pagination and display related to the FERC Form 1; this includes formatting changes in 2021 due to FERC's Conversion to XBRL.
- Any changes in the references between the template, as filed, and the FERC Form 1 can be seen in 2024 BHP Attach H True-Up Supplemental Supporting Schedules file (Cost of Service References tab).
- ☐ Thus far, FERC has not taken the position that Transmission Providers need to make changes to their templates to accommodate the reference changes

#### Workpapers Provided for ATRR True-Up

- Supplemental Supporting Schedules
  - Cost of Service References changes in FERC Form 1 references
  - Capital True Up References True-Up timing processes and FERC interest rates
  - BHP WP1 A&G adjustments and details for specific A&G expenses
  - BHP WP4 Transmission Assets excluded plant
  - BHP WP9 Accum Depr General and Intangible accumulated depreciation
  - BHP WP10 Plant in Service General and Intangible plant in service
  - BHP WP11 Property Tax Expense property tax adjustment for Horizon Point
  - BHP WP12 ADIT the ADIT adjustment for Horizon Point and depreciation
  - BHP WP13 Accum Depr Conversion from Book Depr to FERC Depr
  - EDIT-DDIT the EDIT/DDIT Tracking and Amortization for the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 (TCJA)
- EDIT-DDIT Remeasurement Detail initial remeasurement of ADIT balance after the TCJA
- 2024 BHP True-Up Tie Out to FF1 reconciliation of plant and accumulated depreciation balances from the True-Up to the FERC Form 1

### How to be Engaged

We invite our transmission customers to sign up to receive notices related to the Projected Net Revenue Requirement and Annual True-Up. A notification will be sent by email whenever there is an update. These notifications are also posted on our OASIS site. <a href="https://www.oasis.oati.com/BHBE/index.html">https://www.oasis.oati.com/BHBE/index.html</a>

- ➤ To sign up for the notices go to our website <a href="https://www.blackhillsenergy.com">www.blackhillsenergy.com</a>. On the top left click on 3 orange lines then *Our company*. Next under *Transmission*, click *Learn More*. Then under FERC & Transmission Rates click on *Learn More*. Under *Black Hills Power* click on *Learn More*. At the top click on *Sign up for notices*. Key in your email address, name and click Subscribe.
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# **Questions**

