

**OBEOFRE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF MONTANA**

**IN THE MATTER OF BLACK)
HILLS POWER, INC.'S 2011) Utility Division
RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO)
STANDARD COMPLIANCE)
REPORT) Docket No. N2012.1.1**

RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARD COMPLIANCE REPORT

Black Hills Power, Inc. (Black Hills Power or BHP), pursuant to §69-3-2005 (6), MCA, files its Renewable Energy Resource Standard Compliance Report for 2011 and states as follows:

1. Black Hills Power is a public utility as defined in §69-3-2003 (13), MCA with a business address of 625 Ninth Street, Rapid City, SD 57701. Black Hills Power provides electric service to 36 customers in the southeast corner of Montana.
2. Pursuant to §69-3-2004 (2), MCA, and §69-3-2004 (5), MCA the 2010 compliance year requires that production or purchases from an Eligible Renewable Resource during the 2011 calendar year be at least ten percent (10%) of 2010 retail energy sales in Montana.
3. In 2010, Black Hills Power had 49,642 megawatt hours (MWhs) of retail sales in Montana, which yields a Montana 2011 renewable resource requirement of 4,964 MWhs. Black Hills Power purchased 19,396 MWhs in 2008, 67,222 MWhs in 2009, 99,945 MWhs in 2010 and 102,133 MWhs through November of 2011 from Renewable Resources. These MWhs are registered with Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) and are considered Renewable Energy Credits (RECs) per §69-3-2003 (14), MCA. The 2008 RECs in excess of the Montana 2008 and 2009 requirement, less BHP sales, were carried over for the 2010 compliance year. The 2009

RECs, less BHP sales, will be carried over to the 2011 and 2012 compliance years. See §69-3-2004 (9), MCA.

4. Attached is the Montana Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS) Public Utility Compliance Form – Compliance Year 2011 and the certificate of retired RECs as viewed in WREGIS.

WHEREAS, Black Hills Power requests the Commission to accept its Renewable Energy Compliance Report.

Respectfully submitted this 8 day of March, 2012.

BLACK HILLS POWER, INC.

By: 

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Montana Renewable Portfolio Standard (RPS)

Public Utility Compliance Form*

Compliance Year 2011

1 **Public Utility:** _____ **Black Hills Power, Inc.** _____

2 **Total Retail Sales in 2010 (MWh):** **49,642**

2011 Renewable Energy Credits (RECs)[‡]

3	Procurement Requirement:	4,964
4	2009 Carry-Over Applied:	4,964
5	2010 Carry-Over Applied:	
6	Procured in 2011:	
7	Total Retired for 2011:	
8	Balance:	4,964

* All RECs used to comply with the RPS must be tracked and verified through the Western Renewable Energy Generation Information System (WREGIS) or the Midwest Renewable Energy Tracking System (MRETS). To demonstrate compliance with this requirement, please attach a report generated by WREGIS or MRETS setting forth the sources and quantities of RECs procured and retired for compliance year 2011.

*** Public Utilities Subject to Retail Choice:**

On an annual basis on or before March 31, a public utility subject to the retail choice provisions in Section 69-8-201 of the Montana Code Annotated must also submit an **Electricity Supplier Report** to the Montana Public Service Commission disclosing each electricity supplier that uses its transmission or distribution facilities to deliver electricity to retail customers in Montana.

For each electricity supplier, the Electricity Supplier Report must set forth the following information for the twelve-month period ending December 31, 2010:

- 9 (1) Total billed retail sales of electrical energy by month;
- 10 (2) Billed retail sales of electrical energy by month for each retail customer of that supplier; and
- 11 (3) Individual load by month for each retail customer of that supplier (in kilowatts).

The public utility must assign a unique number to each retail customer of an electricity supplier to protect the customer's identity.

SubAccount	Retirement Types	WREGIS GU ID	Generator Plant-Unit Name	Fuel Type	Vintage Year/Month	Certificate Serial Numbers	Quantity	AZ	BC	CA	CO	MT	NV	NM	TX	WA	OR	AB	UT	Green-e Energy Eligible	Ecologo Certified	Hydro Certification	SMUD Eligible	NERC E-Tag Matched
2011 Montana RPS	RPS	W882	Happy Jack - Happy Jack	Wind	2009/12	882-WA-17636-1 to 4668	4,668	No	No	No	No	No												
2011 Montana RPS	RPS	W882	Happy Jack - Happy Jack	Wind	2009/08	882-WA-13342-1987 to 2125	139	No	No	No	No	No												
2011 Montana RPS	RPS	W882	Happy Jack - Happy Jack	Wind	2009/10	882-WA-15543-1697 to 1853	157	No	Yes	No	No	No	No											