

# Sims Power Plant Closure Recommendation Report

April 24, 2018

Sims power plant closure recommendation considered in report:

1. Establish date of June 1, 2020 to “**cease operations at the Sims power plant.**”
2. Begin more intensive “**closure planning efforts**” as is necessary and prudent to provide for this date.

## **Facts cited within reports to support recommendation:**

- 1) The Sims power plant no longer provides the BLP an economical primary source of power.
- 2) The Sims power plant does not impact BLP customer reliability.
- 3) The Sims power plant is small in comparison to most other operating coal-fired plants; however, it is “oversized” in comparison to the energy needs of the BLP.

## **Facts cited within reports to support recommendation:**

- 4) The Sims power plant cannot operate beyond 2020 safely, reliably, economically, efficiently and effectively without incurring substantial additional expense.
  
- 5) The substantial risks and costs associated with continued operations of the Sims power plant far exceed any benefits, including any “ancillary” ones.

## **Facts cited within reports to support recommendation:**

- 6) The Sims power plant closure plan is consistent with identified customer sentiment.
  
- 7) Substantial environmental regulatory compliance costs may be avoided by establishing a firm date of closure on June 1, 2020

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- 8) The BLP can and will continue to meet the community's expectations for quality **local** electric service that returns value to its customers and the community as a whole without operating the Sims power plant beyond June 1, 2020 .