

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of SourceGas) Application No. NG-0060
 Distribution LLC, Lakewood,)
 Colorado, seeking approval of a)
 general rate increase.) ASSESSMENT ORDER
) NO. HS-0026
)
)
) Entered: July 12, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission received invoices listed below from Harding & Shultz for costs associated with the above-captioned docket:

| Invoice Date | Total Due | Invoice Date | Total Due |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|
| 02/01/10 | \$ 1,893.30 | 10/01/10 | \$11,696.56 |
| 03/02/10 | \$ 579.10 | 11/01/10 | \$ 9,202.27 |
| 04/01/10 | \$17,414.91 | 12/01/10 | \$ 372.93 |
| 05/03/10 | \$11,225.16 | 02/07/11 | \$ 2,230.16 |
| 06/01/10 | \$17,645.33 | 03/01/11 | \$ 5,268.52 |
| 07/01/10 | \$ 7,920.68 | 04/01/11 | \$23,374.97 |
| 08/02/10 | \$13,939.00 | 05/02/11 | \$ 1,299.89 |
| 09/01/10 | \$16,557.43 | | |

Commission staff has reviewed the above invoices and found them to conform to the Agreement dated November 15, 2008, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz. The Commission assessed a portion of the February 1, 2010 invoice by orders entered July 13, 2010, and June 1, 2011, in this docket, leaving a balance of \$1,893.30 due on the invoice.

Investigation-related assessments are governed by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840, which specifies a maximum limit on the amount that may be assessed to a jurisdictional utility during a fiscal year:

The total amount, in any one fiscal year, for which any utility shall be assessed under this section shall not exceed the following: (a) For a jurisdictional utility that has not filed an annual report with the commission as provided in the State Natural Gas Regulation Act prior to the beginning of the commission's fiscal year, actual expenses, including direct and indirect expenses, incurred by the commission; and (b) for any other jurisdictional utility, one percent of the utility's gross operating jurisdictional revenue

less gas cost derived from intrastate natural gas utility business as reflected in the last annual report filed with the commission pursuant to the act prior to the beginning of the commission's fiscal year. The commission may render bills in one fiscal year for costs incurred within a previous fiscal year.

Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840.

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoices against SourceGas Distribution LLC (SourceGas), pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840, as described above.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Upon the recommendations of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment against SourceGas of the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoices from Harding & Shultz should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoices upon receipt of payment by SourceGas.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-described assessment of \$140,620.21 is approved and hereby made.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 12th day of July, 2011.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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ATTEST:

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