

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills/ ) Application No. NG-0061  
Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, )  
d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Omaha, )  
seeking a General Rate Increase for ) ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. HS-006  
Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas One, )  
Two and Three (Consolidated). )  
 ) Entered: April 27, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received a letter dated March 31, 2010, from Harding & Shultz (HS) and an invoice for Public Advocate's Consultant services cost associated with the above-captioned docket incurred during December 2009 and January 2010 totaling \$15,125.00. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement dated November 15, 2008, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz.

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice against Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC (Black Hills), pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840.

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

Upon the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from Black Hills of the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoice from Harding & Shultz should be approved.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-mentioned assessment is approved and hereby made and that payment of the above-mentioned amount be made upon receipt of payment by Black Hills/Nebraska Utility Company, LLC.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of April, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Rock Johnson*

Chairman

*Gerald L. Vap*

*Tim Schram*

ATTEST:

*Theresa J. ...*

//s// Frank E. Landis  
//s// Gerald L. Vap

Executive Director