

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,) HEARING OFFICER ORDER
seeking a General Rate Increase for) RELEASING CONSULTANT REPORT
Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas) FOR COMMENT
One, Two and Three (Consolidated).)
)
) Entered: June 29, 2010

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On December 1, 2009, Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Omaha (Black Hills) filed an application seeking approval of a general rate increase. The Public Advocate, Constellation New Energy Gas, NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy, SourceGas Distribution LLC, and the City of Lincoln, Nebraska all formally intervened.

A planning conference order was entered on January 20, 2010, setting a deadline for the release of a report by the Commission's consultants on June 29, 2010. Pursuant to that planning conference order, the consultant report, attached hereto as Appendix A is hereby released for comment by the parties due to the Commission on or before **July 8, 2010**. Although the Commission may require a compliance filing as part of its final order, parties are reminded that they are not permitted to provide additional or new evidence in support of their comments. Comments should be concise and make specific references to the record evidence in this matter.

The attached report is in no way intended as a proposed order. The Commission is solely responsible for the final decision in this matter and will consider the record evidence as well as the briefs and comments in this matter.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the consultant report, attached hereto as Appendix A is hereby released for comment by the parties due to the Commission on or before **July 8, 2010**.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska this 29th day of June, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BY:


Hearing Officer