BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, opening an investigatory docket for the purpose of general monitoring of issues regarding the natural gas industry and jurisdictional utilities in Nebraska.

Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, and Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy

NorthWestern Corporation d/b/a NorthWestern Energy Application No. NG-101/PI-224

ORDER GRANTING FORMAL INTERVENTION

Docket No. NG-101.1

Docket No. NG-101.2

Entered: June 4, 2019

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On May 14, 2019, The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission"), on its own motion, opened this docket in order to monitor issues faced by the Nebraska natural gas industry and Nebraska jurisdictional utilities outside individually docketed proceedings. A petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate ("PA") on May 23, 2019.

Pursuant to the Rules of Commission Procedure, 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 1-015.01 et seq., I find that the above-described petition for formal intervention should be granted, and the Nebraska Public Advocate should be designated as a formal intervenor and a party to this proceeding and to both of the above-captioned subdockets. The Nebraska Public Advocate should be entitled to participate in the proceeding to the extent of his express interest in the matter and in a manner consistent with 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 1-015.01C.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the petition of the Nebraska Public Advocate to formally intervene in this matter be granted consistent with the terms set forth herein.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 4th day of June, 2019.

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