

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of the Application ) Application No. NG-78.7  
of Black Hills Gas Distribution, )  
LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy for )  
authority to adjust the System ) ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL  
Safety and Integrity charges ) SCHEDULE  
(2020). )  
)  
) Entered: November 5, 2019

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On October 1, 2019, Black Hills Distribution LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills") of Denver, Colorado, filed an application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking an order authorizing it to adjust the System Safety and Integrity Rider Charge beginning in February of 2020.

A petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate ("PA") on October 9, 2019. I find that the petition for formal intervention shall be granted.

Procedural Schedule

After the submission of the application by Black Hills, a proposed procedural schedule was circulated to Black Hills and to the PA. After consultation with the parties, there were no objections to the procedural schedule as proposed. This order serves to formalize the timeline for proceeding in this docket.

**A. Service**

Parties may meet filing deadlines outlined herein by sending an electronic copy of the filing via electronic mail to [psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov](mailto:psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov), so long as all parties are served via electronic mail contemporaneously with the email filing and a hard copy is received by the Commission within three (3) days of the email filing.

**B. Discovery**

All discovery responses are due within ten (10) days of service, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. Any discovery request served after 3:00 p.m. shall be considered filed the following day for purposes of calculating response time. Parties should reference the Nebraska Court Rules of Discovery in Civil Cases for general guidance as to the conduct of discovery. Should this order

conflict with any provision of said Rules, this order controls. Parties should make efforts to resolve any discovery disputes.

All parties shall provide a courtesy copy of any discovery requests and responses to the Commission. Such discovery requests and responses shall not be part of the official record unless they are offered and accepted as exhibits during the hearing on the application. If using electronic mail, parties should send copies of the documents to [psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov](mailto:psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov).

### C. Deadlines

Deadlines for various events and filings were established through communication with the parties, and are set forth as follows:

Date	Event
Oct. 1, 2019	Application Filed.
Nov. 4	Protest Date
Nov. 11	Final date for discovery requests to be served by Public Advocate, Intervenors and Commission Staff on Applicant.
Nov. 25	All discovery responses from Applicant due to Public Advocate, Intervenors and Commission Staff.
Dec. 9	Public Advocate to file report on proposed SSIR.
Dec. 13	Applicant to file response to report.
Dec. 17	Hearing 11:00 a.m.
Jan. 28, 2020	Last Grist for Order to be entered.
Feb. 1, 2020	Proposed Effective Date of SSIR.

### D. Settlement

All parties are encouraged to cooperate and engage in negotiations; however, the conduct of negotiations does not relieve the parties of their obligation to meet filing deadlines. Parties need not identify in settlement agreements specific dollar values attached to specific issues.

### E. Hearing

A hearing will be held in the above-captioned docket will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on **Tuesday, December 17, at 11:00 a.m. CST.**

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If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

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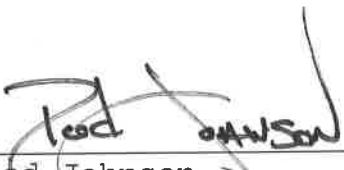
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the above-mentioned petition for formal intervention be, and is hereby, granted consistent with the terms set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing on this matter will be held on **Tuesday, December 17, 2019, at 11:00 a.m. CST** in the Commission Hearing room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2019.

BY:

  
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Rod Johnson  
HEARING OFFICER