

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. NG-107
of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC)
d/b/a Black Hills Energy for a)
deferred accounting order to) ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION
record and preserve costs) OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE AND
related to the Covid-19) SETTING PLANNING CONFERENCE
pandemic.)
)
) Entered: May 5, 2020

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On April 22, 2020, Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills" or "Applicant") filed an application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking authorization for Black Hills to establish a regulatory asset to record and preserve costs related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Black Hills also seeks in this application a waiver of certain provisions of the Company's tariffs, Operation & Maintenance standards, and Commission rules and regulations to protect the health and safety of its employees and customers.

A petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on April 30, 2020. Pursuant to the Rules of Commission Procedure, 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 1-015.01 et seq., I find that the Nebraska Public Advocate's 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. 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.

In order to set a procedural schedule in this matter, including discovery deadlines and a hearing date, I find that a planning conference in the above-captioned matter should be scheduled on **June 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. CDT.**

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED 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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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Planning Conference in the above-captioned matter be, and it is hereby, scheduled for **June 3, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. CDT.**

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 5th day of May, 2020.

BY:



Crystal Rhoades
HEARING OFFICER