

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application) Application No. NG-109
of Black Hills Nebraska Gas,)
LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy,)
Rapid City, South Dakota,) ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION
seeking approval of a general) OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE AND
rate increase.) SETTING PLANNING CONFERENCE
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) Entered: June 29, 2020

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On June 1, 2020, Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills" or "Applicant") filed an application seeking a general rate increase.

A protest was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on June 10, 2020. In this protest, the Public Advocate seeks leave to participate fully in this proceeding for the purpose of representing the interests of Nebraska citizens and all classes of jurisdictional utility ratepayers, and for conducting a full review of all testimony, submittals, and exhibits. The Public Advocate states that this function cannot be adequately performed by any other party.

Pursuant to the Rules of Commission Procedure, 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 1-002.12 *et seq.*, I find that the Nebraska Public Advocate's request to be allowed to participate in this proceeding 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 § 1-002.12A.

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 **Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. CDT**. The planning conference will be held via Zoom webconference. Access instructions for the conference will be sent to the parties separately.

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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.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Planning Conference in the above-captioned matter be, and it is hereby, scheduled for **Wednesday, July 8, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. CDT.**

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of June, 2020.

BY:



Dan Watermeier
HEARING OFFICER