

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. NG-13
Commission, on its own motion,)
to evaluate and establish, on)
a quarterly basis,)
an assessment for) PROGRESSION ORDER NO. 68
jurisdictional utilities)
pursuant to the State Natural)
Gas Regulation Act, *Neb. Rev.*)
Stat. § 66-1801 *et seq.*) Entered: July 14, 2020

BY THE COMMISSION:

The State Natural Gas Regulation Act (Act) requires that the Commission assess its expenditures for each quarter-year against all jurisdictional utilities, subject to certain adjustments. See *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 66-1841. The Act provides that the Commission shall determine its expenditures for the given quarter within 30 days after such quarter. This order addresses the assessment for expenses during the first-quarter of fiscal year 2020-2021, July through September, 2020.

Actual fourth-quarter expenditures for the 2019-2020 fiscal year totaled \$108,358. Projected expenses for the first-quarter of the 2020-2021 fiscal year total \$117,237. The total balance in the State Natural Gas Regulation Cash Fund as of June 30, 2019, was \$286,546.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Based upon the foregoing, the Commission finds that an assessment of \$125,000 is necessary to pay all expenses, to provide a sufficient reserve and to maintain a cash flow until the next assessment evaluation and collection.

Appendix A shows the allocation of the assessed amount to the Jurisdictional Utilities, as required by Section 66-1841(4) of the Act. The allocated amounts are based upon number of meters served, as reported by the Jurisdictional Utilities on or about April 30, 2020, pursuant to Rule 006, of the Commission Natural Gas and Pipeline Rules and Regulations, See 291 NAC 9, § 006.

The Act permits a jurisdictional utility to recover the amount of any assessments or charges paid to the Commission pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* § 66-1840 or § 66-1841 as a special surcharge

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billed to ratepayers. The surcharge must be shown on customer billing statements as required by *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1841(6)(a)*.





O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Jurisdictional Utilities pay the amounts set forth above within 15 days from the date that notice of assessment is mailed, as required by *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1841(4)*.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 14th day of July, 2020.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chair

ATTEST:



Executive Director

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Appendix A

	<u>Meters</u> <u>12/31/19</u>	<u>Percent</u> <u>Of Total</u>	<u>Prorated</u> <u>Assessment</u>
Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC	292,252	87.33%	\$109,162.50
NorthWestern Energy	42,408	12.67%	<u>\$15,837.50</u>
Total			\$125,000.00