

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the) Application No. NG-112
Commission, on its own motion,)
seeking to conduct an annual)
review of the System Safety and) ORDER OPENING DOCKET AND
Integrity Rider of Black Hills) NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT
Nebraska Gas, LLC, d/b/a Black)
Hills Energy, Rapid City, South)
Dakota.) Entered: June 8, 2021

BY THE COMMISSION:

On January 26, 2021, in Commission Docket NG-109, the Commission entered an order approving a general rate increase for Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills"), of Rapid City, South Dakota. The order in Docket NG-109 approved a stipulation reached between Black Hills and the Public Advocate ("Stipulation"). Pursuant to that Stipulation, Black Hills' existing System Safety and Integrity Rider ("SSIR")¹ was renewed for a period of five (5) years. Also, as part of that Stipulation, the parties agreed to modify tariff language applicable to the SSIR, including modifications to definitions of eligible projects, categories, and criteria.

The Commission hereby opens this docket for the purpose of reviewing and overseeing the SSIR for the 2022 program year. This docket will also allow Black Hills, the Public Advocate, and Commission staff to collaborate with regard to tariff language in advance of Black Hills' application for approval of projects for the 2022 program year.

The Commission further finds that it may be necessary to assess certain expenses associated with this docket to Black Hills pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840. The Commission hereby provides notice to the utility that expenses related to this docket may be assessed.

¹ The SSIR was originally approved in Commission Docket No. NG-78, *In the Matter of the Application of SourceGas Distribution LLC, Golden, Colorado, seeking an order authorizing it to put into effect a system safety and integrity rider tariff and a system safety and integrity rider charge* (approved in part on Oct. 28, 2014).

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that a docket shall be opened as Application No. NG-112 for the purpose of reviewing and overseeing the SSIR for the 2022 program year.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy is hereby given notice of assessment as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of June, 2021.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Rod Johnson
Crystal Brander
Mary Kadden
Tim Schram

David Watson
Chair

ATTEST:

Michael S. Hyatt
Executive Director