

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills ) Application No. NG-111.3  
Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black )  
Hills Energy, Rapid City, South )  
Dakota, seeking to modify its ) ORDER GRANTING ADMISSION  
tariff due to the February 2021 ) PRO HAC VICE AND  
cold weather event and implement ) SETTING PLANNING CONFERENCE  
a conversion fee for commercial )  
sales customers who convert to )  
transportation service. ) Entered: August 6, 2021

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On June 30, 2021, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-captioned docket to address an application filed by Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, of Rapid City, South Dakota ("Black Hills") to modify its tariff. The proposed modification relates to costs incurred by customers electing to convert to its Energy Options program subsequent to the February cold weather event.<sup>1</sup> Petitions of formal intervention were submitted by the Public Advocate and by WoodRiver Energy, LLC ("WoodRiver"), and were subsequently granted by order of the Hearing Officer on July 19 and August 5, respectively.

On August 4, 2021, WoodRiver submitted a motion for the pro hac vice admission of Brandon M. Dittman of Kissinger & Fellman, P.C., a nonresident attorney to practice in Nebraska on behalf of WoodRiver. This application was submitted through Loel P. Brooks, a resident of Nebraska, who is duly and regularly admitted to practice in the courts of record in this state. Mr. Dittman is a practicing attorney in good standing for the courts of record in the State of Colorado. Being duly advised of the premises, I find this motion should be granted.

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 **Thursday, August 19, at 2:00 p.m. Central Time**. The planning conference will be held via WebEx videoconference, available at <https://psc.nebraska.gov/stream>.

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<sup>1</sup> See Commission Docket No. NG-111, *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the effect of the February 2021 cold weather event upon the cost of gas supply purchased by Nebraska gas utilities.*

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the motion for the pro hac vice admission of Brandon M. Dittman should be granted, and Mr. Dittman shall be granted leave to participate in the above-captioned proceeding in accordance with Neb. S. Ct. Rule § 3-122, and subject to the Rules of Professional Conduct, Neb. Ct. R. of Prof. Cond. §§ 3-501.0 to 3-508.5.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT that a Planning Conference in the above-captioned matter be, and it is hereby, scheduled for **Thursday, August 19, at 2:00 p.m. Central Time**, via WebEx videoconference.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 6th day of August, 2021.

BY:



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Tim Schram  
HEARING OFFICER