

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills) Application No. NG-112.1
Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black)
Hills Energy, Rapid City, South) ORDER SETTING PROCEDURAL
Dakota, seeking approval of a) SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF
2022 Systems Safety and) HEARING
Integrity Rider.)
) Entered: September 13, 2021

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On August 2, 2021, 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 approval of a 2022 Systems Safety and Integrity Rider. A petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate ("PA") on August 10, 2021, and his intervention was approved by the Commission on August 12, 2021. No other parties have intervened in this docket.

Procedural Schedule

After the submission of the application by Black Hills, a planning conference was held on September 10, 2021 with the parties to this docket. This order serves to formalize the timeline for proceedings in this docket.

A. Service

Parties may meet filing deadlines outlined herein by sending an electronic copy of the filing via electronic mail to psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov, so long as all parties are served via electronic mail contemporaneously.

B. Discovery

All discovery responses are due within ten (10) days of service, unless otherwise agreed to by the Parties. Any discovery request served after 3:00 p.m. shall be considered filed the following day for purposes of calculating response time. Parties should reference the Nebraska Court Rules of Discovery in Civil Cases for general guidance as to the conduct of discovery. Should this order conflict with any provision of said Rules, this order controls. Parties should make efforts to resolve any discovery disputes.

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All parties shall provide a courtesy copy of any discovery requests and responses to the Commission. Such discovery requests and responses shall not be part of the official record unless they are offered and accepted as exhibits during the hearing on the application. If using electronic mail, parties should send copies of the documents to psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov.

C. Deadlines

Deadlines for various events and filings were established through communication with the parties and are set forth below. All filings are due by 5:00 p.m. CDT unless otherwise noted.

Date	Event
Monday, August 2, 2021	Application filed
Thursday, August 5	Publication Date
Tuesday, September 7	Protest Date
Friday, September 10	Planning Conference
Friday, September 17	Final date for discovery requests to be served by Public Advocate, Intervenors, and Commission Staff on Applicant
Monday, September 27	All discovery responses from Applicant due to Public Advocate, Intervenors, and Commission Staff
Friday, October 29	Public Advocate to file report on proposed SSIR
Friday, November 5	Applicant to file response to report
Friday, November, 12	Witness & Exhibit lists due
Monday, November 15	Prehearing Conference (if needed) at 1:30 p.m. or immediately following NG-111.3 Prehearing Conference
Wednesday, November 17	Hearing (1:30 p.m.)
Tuesday, December 14	Last Grist for Order to be entered
January 1, 2022	Proposed Effective Date of SSIR

D. Settlement

All parties are encouraged to cooperate and engage in negotiations; however, the conduct of negotiations does not relieve the parties of their obligation to meet filing deadlines. Parties need not identify in settlement agreements specific dollar values attached to specific issues.

E. Prehearing Conference

Motions submitted by the parties will be considered by the Hearing Officer at the prehearing conference, held on **Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m. Central Time**. This conference will be held via webconference, and access instructions will be sent to the parties the week prior to the conference.

If no motions are submitted, and there are no other outstanding issues which must be considered prior to hearing, the Commission will notify the parties that the prehearing conference will be cancelled.

F. Hearing

A hearing in the above-captioned docket will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** Access to the hearing via webconference will be made available.

The Commission will arrange for a court reporter for the hearing in this matter, and an expedited transcript will be provided. The costs for the reporter's services and the transcript will be assessed to the Applicant.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a prehearing conference on this matter will be held on **Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** via webconference.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that a hearing on this matter will be held on **Wednesday, November 17, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of September, 2021.

BY:



Tim Schram
HEARING OFFICER