SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the	Matter of Black Hills Energy,	١	Application No.	NC-0007 6
	seeking to amend the Black Hills	<i>,</i>	Application No.	
		,		PI-151
Energy	Tariff with the Third Revised)		
Tariff	Sheet Index No. 8, to provide)	ASSESSMENT ORDER	
	Annual Retail Service Credit,)	HS-007	
pursuar	nt to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-)		
1808.		}	Entered: Decemb	er 8, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission received a letter from Harding & Shultz dated November 19, 2009, for Public Advocate's Consultant services cost associated in the above-captioned docket, totaling \$851.00. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement dated November 15, 2008, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice against Black Hills Energy (Black Hills) pursuant to $Neb.\ Rev.\ Stat.\ sec.\ 66-1840.$

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Upon the recommendations of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment against Black Hills Energy of the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned letter from Harding & Shultz and consultant invoice should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by Black Hills.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-mentioned assessment is approved and hereby made.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of December, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING

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Executive Director

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//s// Frank E. Landis