

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills) Application No. NG-0007.6/
Energy, Omaha, seeking to amend) PI-151
the Black Hills Energy Tariff)
with the Third Revised Tariff)
Sheet Index No. 8, to provide) PLANNING CONFERENCE ORDER
for an Annual Retail Service) AND NOTICE OF HEARING
Credit, pursuant to Neb. Rev.)
Stat. sec. 66-1808.) Entered: August 21, 2009

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On May 29, 2009, Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills"), filed a Third Revised Tariff Sheet, Index No. 8, Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment ("PGA"), seeking to add provisions providing for an Annual Retail Service Credit. The revised tariff pages were set to become effective on July 1, 2009.

On June 19, 2009, Roger P. Cox, the Nebraska Public Advocate, ("PA") filed a Petition for Formal Intervention and Request to Suspend Operation of Proposed Tariff Changes.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-captioned proceeding to review the Revised Tariff Sheet filed by Black Hills on May 29, 2009, and suspending the proposed Black Hill tariff provisions until further Order of the Commission.

Planning Conference

A planning conference was held in the above-captioned docket on August 19, 2009, at 3:30 p.m. in the Commission Niobrara Conference Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln; Nebraska, and via telephone conference with representatives of the Parties. The following persons were present at the conference: for Black Hills, Douglas J. Law; for the PA, Jack L. Shultz of Harding & Shultz; and for the Commission, Laura Demman, Director of the Commission's Natural Gas Department, Nichole Mulcahy, Legal Counsel for the Commission and Commissioner Tim Schram. Participating via telephone, for the PA, Roger P. Cox of Harding & Shultz.

As a result of the planning conference, several issues were decided. Therefore, this order serves to memorialize those decisions and to provide a timeline for proceeding in this docket.

Deadlines

Deadlines for various events were established and are set forth in Appendix A.

Service

All parties shall file all documents on all parties of record. All parties shall file all documents in electronic, format via email with paper copies sent via mail to follow.

Parties are encouraged to engage in negotiations; however, the conduct of negotiations does not relieve the parties of their obligation to meet filing deadlines.

Hearing

A Hearing in Application No. NG-0007.6/PI-151 will be held on **Tuesday, October 20, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

Hearing Accommodations

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 Commission at (402) 471-0213 (TDD) or 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.

O R D E R

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

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing in Application No. FC-NG-0007.6/PI-151 will be held on **October 20, 2009, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

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MADE AND ENTERED in Lincoln, Nebraska, on this 21st day of August, 2009.

BY:

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Tim Schram
HEARING OFFICER

APPENDIX A

PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>EVENT</u>
Friday	September 18	Black Hills Direct Testimony filed
Friday	September 25	Deadline for PA Discovery Requests
Wednesday	October 7	PA Response Testimony filed
Wednesday	October 14	Pre-hearing Conference
Tuesday	October 20	Hearing