

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills Energy,) Application No. NG-0007.6/
Omaha, seeking to amend the Black Hills) PI-151
Energy Tariff with the Third Revised)
Tariff Sheet Index No. 8, to provide) ASSESSMENT ORDER
for an Annual Retail Service Credit,) HS-003
pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-)
1808.) Entered: August 25, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission received a letter from Harding & Shultz dated August 14, 2009, for Public Advocate's Consultant services cost associated in the above-captioned docket, totaling \$2,811.00. The Commission entered a Notice of Assessment on June 23, 2009. Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. section 66-1840, the commission may begin assessing expenses three business days after the commission gives the utility notice of the assessment by United States mail. The total fees incurred after June 26, 2009, total \$1,201.00. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found them 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.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

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

O R D E R

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 25th day of August, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Gerald L. Vap
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Anne C. Boyle
Tom Schram

Chairman

ATTEST:

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Executive Director