#### BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the Public Alliance | ) Application No. NG-0012.1  |
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| for Community Energy (ACE), seeking  | )                            |
| additional authority as a Com-       | ) ASSESSMENT ORDER           |
| petitive Natural Gas Provider to     | ) NO. HSD-002                |
| serve the entire state of Nebraska.  | )                            |
|                                      | ) Entered: February 22, 2006 |

## BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated February 1, 2006, from Harding, Shultz & Downs for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$4,310.30. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement for the Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2004, between the Commission and Harding, Shultz & Downs. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice from ACE, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840.

## OPINION AND FINDINGS

Upon the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from ACE of the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoice from Harding, Shultz & Downs should be approved.

#### ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the abovementioned assessment is approved and hereby made.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 22nd day of February, 2006.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

# COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director