

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. NG-0036
Kinder Morgan, Inc., Lakewood, Colo-)
rado, seeking approval of a general) ASSESSMENT ORDER
rate increase.) NO. HS-0012
)
) Entered: July 3, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission had temporarily suspended issuance of investigation-related assessment orders against Kinder Morgan, Inc., as the statutory cap on investigation-related expenses had been reached for the fiscal year. See Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840. As of July 1, 2007, the Commission is able to resume investigation assessments against the company.

By order entered April 17, 2007, in the above-captioned docket, the Commission revoked in part Assessment Order No. HS-0010, reducing the amount assessed to \$10,799.00.

Additionally, the Commission has received invoices with the following dates: February 1, 2007, March 1, 2007, April 2, 2007, May 1, 2007 and June 1, 2007, from Harding & Shultz for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, with the following totals: \$1,126.56, \$1,104.00, \$3,083.37, \$1,867.79, and \$3,210.63.

Commission staff has reviewed the invoices and found them to conform to the Agreement for the Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2004, subsequently amended, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoices from Kinder Morgan, Inc. (Kinder Morgan), pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840.* The total assessment amount, including re-assessment of the order that was revoked in part as described above, is \$21,191.35.

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

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

O R D E R

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

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 3rd day of July, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Executive Director