SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Petition of) Application No.NG-0058/Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility) DR-0003 Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills) Energy (Black Hills Energy),) ASSESSMENT ORDER Omaha, seeking Declaratory) NO. HS-002 Ruling on Decoupling Application) Procedural Filing Requirements.) Entered: May 19, 2009

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission received an invoice dated May 1, 2009, from Harding & Shultz for costs associated in the above-captioned docket, totaling \$1,079.70. Commission staff reviewed the invoices and found them to conform to the Agreement for the Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2008, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice from Black Hills Energy (Black Hills), pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. sec. 66-1840.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Upon the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from Black Hills 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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-mentioned assessment is approved and hereby made and that payment of the above-mentioned amount be made upon receipt of payment by Black Hills Energy.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of May, 2009.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s// Frank E. Landis

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