

SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills/) Application No. NG-0061
Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC,)
d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Omaha,)
seeking a General Rate Increase for) ASSESSMENT ORDER NO.GDS-001
Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas One,)
Two and Three (Consolidated).)
Entered: February 2, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated January 21, 2010, from GDS Associates, Inc. for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$215.00. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found them to conform to the Agreement dated March 24, 2009, between the Commission and GDS Associates, Inc. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice against Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC (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 recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from Black Hills of the above-mentioned invoice from GDS Associates, Inc. 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 and that payment of the above-mentioned amount be made upon receipt of payment by Black Hills/Nebraska Utility Company, LLC.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 2nd day of February, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

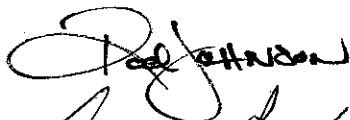
COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman



ATTEST:

Executive Director



//s// Frank E. Landis

//s// Gerald L. Vap