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)	ASSESSMENT ORDER NO.GDS-003
Increase for Black Hills Energy's)	
Rate Areas One, Two and Three)	
(Consolidated).)	Entered: March 30, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated March 18, 2010, from GDS Associates, Inc. for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$2,665.00. 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.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

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.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the abovementioned 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 30th day of March, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s// Gerald L. Vap