

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. HS-0010
Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas One,)
Two and Three (Consolidated).)
Entered: May 18, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received a letter dated May 6, 2010, from Harding & Shultz (HS) and an invoice for Public Advocate's Consultant services cost associated with the above-captioned docket incurred during March 2010 totaling \$1,080.00. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement dated November 15, 2008, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz.

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. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice 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 expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoice 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 amount be made upon receipt of payment by Black Hills/Nebraska Utility Company, LLC.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th day of May, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Jeff Johnson
Ann C. Boyle
Tim Schram

//s// Frank E. Landis
//s// Gerald L. Vap

Chairman

Gerald L. Vap

ATTEST:

Shirley J. [Signature]

Executive Director