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-0016
Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas One,)	
Two and Three (Consolidated).)	
)	Entered: July 27, 2010

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received a letter dated July 21, 2010, from Harding & Shultz (HS) and an invoice for Public Advocate's Consultant services cost associated with the above-captioned docket incurred from January through June, totaling \$26,823.20. 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.

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.

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/Nebraska Utility Company, LLC.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of July, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman Guald L. Vyp

ATTEST:

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

Executive Director