BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of Black Hills/ |) | Application No. NG-0061 |
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| Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, |) | |
| d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Omaha, |) | |
| seeking a General Rate Increase for |) | ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. HS-0021 |
| Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas One, |) | |
| Two and Three (Consolidated). |) | |
| |) | Entered: September 21, 2010 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated September 1, 2010, from Harding & Shultz (HS) for cost associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$15,064.51. 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 21st day of September, 2010.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chairman Seruld L. Up

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Executive Director

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