

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-0032  
Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas One, )  
Two and Three (Consolidated). )  
Entered: May 17, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated May 2, 2011, from Harding & Shultz (HS) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$5,470.56. 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 17th day of May, 2011.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

*Red Johnson*  
*Aune Boyle*  
*Gerald L. Vap*

//s//Tim Schram

*Tim Schram*  
Chairman

ATTEST:

*Paul J. [Signature]*  
Executive Director