## 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-003
Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas One,	)	
Two and Three (Consolidated).	)	
	)	Entered: August 16, 2011

#### BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated August 5, 2011, from Harding & Shultz (HS) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$9,688.61. 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. 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 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 16th day of August, 2011.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Chairman

Executive Director

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

//s//Tim Schram