

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-0037
Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas One,)
Two and Three (Consolidated).)
) Entered: November 21, 2011

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated November 1, 2011, from Harding & Shultz (HS) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$8,952.66. 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. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by Black Hills.

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 21st day of November, 2011.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Red Johnson
Anne Boyle
David L. Vay

//s// Frank Landis

//s// Tim Schram

Tim Schram
Chairman

ATTEST:

Phil S. [Signature]
Executive Director