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-0040
Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas One,)	
Two and Three (Consolidated).)	
)	Entered: April 17, 2012

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated April 4, 2012, from Harding & Shultz (HS) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$367.50. 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. 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 abovementioned amount be made upon receipt of payment by Black Hills/Nebraska Utility Company, LLC.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 17th day of April, 2012.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

ATTEST:

Executive Director

//s// Rod Johnson