

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of gas supply cost) Application No. NG-0066
adjustment schedules implemented by)
Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility) HEARING OFFICER ORDER
Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills) RELEASING REPORTS FOR
Energy, Omaha, pursuant to Neb. Rev.) COMMENT AND SCHEUDLING
Stat. sec. 66-1854.) HEARING
)
) Entered: February 24, 2012

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

The Commission opened this docket on its own motion in order to receive and monitor filings regarding gas supply cost adjustment schedules filed by Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills), Omaha, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1854.

The Commission contracted with Christensen Associates Energy Consulting, LLC to conduct an audit of the gas supply cost adjustments implemented by Black Hills and to review the prudence of Black Hills' gas purchasing plans. Attached hereto as Appendices A and B respectively and incorporated herein by this reference are the reports outlining the findings with respect to the audit and prudence review.

The Hearing Officer finds that the attached reports are released for comment. Parties having any corrections to facts outlined in the reports shall file no later than **3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2012**, one original and five (5) paper comment copies and one electronic copy via electronic mail to **rose.price@nebraska.gov** and **angela.melton@nebraska.gov**.

The Hearing Officer further finds that hearing on this matter shall be set for **April 3, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska. The hearing is for the purpose of receiving into the record the reports and any written corrections filed, and for the presentation of recommendations by Commission staff as to any further action needed. The hearing will be in legislative format.

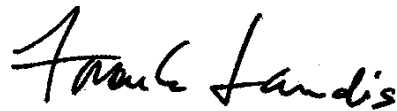
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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the attached reports are released for comment. Parties having any corrections to facts outlined in the reports shall file no later than **3:00 p.m. on March 13, 2012**, one original and five (5) paper comment copies and one electronic copy via electronic mail to **rose.price@nebraska.gov** and **angela.melton@nebraska.gov**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a hearing on this matter shall be scheduled for **April 3, 2012, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Commission Hearing Room, 1200 N Street, Suite 300, Lincoln, Nebraska.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of February, 2012.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Frank Landis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

By: Frank E. Landis