

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of SourceGas) Application No. NG-0067
Distribution LLC, Lakewood, Colorado,)
seeking approval of a general rate) ASSESSMENT ORDER
increase.) NO. ES-001
)
) Entered: July 9, 2013

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received the following invoices from Erickson Sederstrom for consultant services from Harding & Shultz associated with the above-captioned docket, which have not been assessed to the utility:

February 1, 2013	\$ 4,705.00
March 1, 2013	\$ 661.50

Due to allocation of the available cap on assessments described in Assessment Order No. HS-005 in the above-captioned docket, this invoice was held until the new fiscal year began July 1, 2013. The Commission's contract with Harding & Shultz to serve as Public Advocate terminated on November 14, 2012, and the Commission's contract began with Erickson Sederstrom November 15, 2012. By agreement dated January 9, 2013, Erickson Sederstrom engaged Harding & Shultz to complete activity on this docket in order to efficiently provide consumers with further representation.

Investigation-related assessments are governed by *Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840*, which specifies a maximum limit on the amount that may be assessed to a jurisdictional utility during a fiscal year:

The total amount, in any one fiscal year, for which any utility shall be assessed under this section shall not exceed the following: (a) For a jurisdictional utility that has not filed an annual report with the commission as provided in the State Natural Gas Regulation Act prior to the beginning of the commission's fiscal year, actual expenses, including direct and indirect expenses, incurred by the commission; and (b) for any other jurisdictional utility, one percent of the utility's gross operating jurisdictional revenue less gas cost derived from intrastate natural gas utility business as reflected in the last annual report filed with the commission pursuant to the act prior to the beginning of the commission's fiscal year. The commission may render bills in one fiscal year for costs incurred within a previous fiscal year.

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Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840.

Commission staff has reviewed the invoices and found them to conform to the agreement between Erickson Sederstrom and Harding & Shultz dated January 9, 2013.

Commission staff recommends that the Commission approve assessments of the following invoices and corresponding amounts:

February 1, 2013	\$ 4,705.00
March 1, 2013	\$ 661.50

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Upon the recommendations of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment against SourceGas of a total of \$5,366.50 should be made.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-described assessment of \$5,366.50 be approved and hereby made and that the Commission makes payment of the above-mentioned amount upon receipt of payment by SourceGas Distribution, LLC.

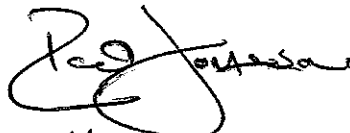
MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 9th day of July, 2013.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:



Chair



ATTEST:



Executive Director

//s//Anne C. Boyle
//s//Frank E. Landis