## BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills/	) Application No. NG-0074
Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC	)
d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Omaha,	)
Nebraska, seeking approval of an	) ASSESSMENT ORDER
infrastructure system replacement	) NO. ES-001
cost recovery charge, pursuant to	)
Sections 66-1865 and 66-1866 of the	)
State Natural Gas Regulation Act.	) Entered: September 24, 2013

## BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice from Erickson Sederstrom for costs associated with the above-captioned docket totaling \$4,945.90. Notice of Assessment was entered in this docket pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840, which provides in part:

Such expenses shall be assessed beginning on the date that the proceeding is filed or beginning three business days after the commission gives the utility notice of the assessment by United States mail, whichever is later.

The application was filed August 7, 2013, and Notice of Assessment was issued August 13, 2013; therefore charges may be assessed beginning August 16, 2013. Such charges on the invoice total \$3,026.82.

Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement dated November 9, 2012, between the Commission and the Public Advocate.

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the above-described invoice for the amount of \$3,026.82, 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 Energy of the expenses reflected in the above-described invoice from the Public Advocate should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by Black Hills Energy.

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## ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-described assessment in the amount of \$3,026.82 is approved and hereby made and that payment of the above-mentioned amount be made upon receipt of payment by Black Hills Energy.

MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 24th day of September, 2013.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Chair

ATTEST:

//s//Anne C. Boyle

//s//Frank E. Landis