SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills) Application No. NG-0078.3 Distribution, LLC, d/b/a Black) Hills Energy seeking authority) to increase the Safety and) ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. BE-001 Integrity Charges and decrease) the Pipeline and Safety Charges) in its Nebraska Tariff.) Entered: December 13, 2016

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received a letter dated November 8, 2016, from Baylor Evnen and an invoice from Blue Ridge Consulting Services, Inc. (Blue Ridge) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$8,576.25. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement dated October 7, 2016, between the Public Advocate and Blue Ridge.

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the above-described invoice in the amount of \$8,576.25, pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* \$66-1840.

OPINION AND FINDINGS

Upon the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from Black Hills Energy of \$8,576.25 in the above-mentioned invoice from Blue Ridge Consulting Services, LLC should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by Black Hills Energy.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the abovementioned assessment is approved and hereby made and that payment be made upon receipt of payment by Black Hills Energy.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 13th day of December, 2016.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Tim Schram

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