SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Application of) Application No. NG-0078.4 Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC) d/b/a Black Hills Energy for an order authorizing it to increase the Safety and Integrity Charges (2018).) Entered: December 19, 2017

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received a letter dated December 4, 2017, from Blake Austin (Public Advocate) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$7,897.50. 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 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 for 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 above-mentioned 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 19th day of December, 2017.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

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Chairman

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Executive Director

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