SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of Black Hills/ |) | Application No. NG-0086 |
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| Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, |) | |
| d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Omaha, |) | |
| seeking Approval of its Cost of |) | ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. BE-006 |
| Service Gas Hedge Agreement With |) | |
| Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc. |) | Entered: March 1, 2016 |

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received a letter dated February 10, 2016, from Baylor Evnen (Public Advocate) and an invoice dated February 1, 2016 from Blue Ridge Consulting Services (Blue Ridge) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$6,151.25. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the October 12, 2015 Agreement between the Public Advocate and Blue Ridge.

Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the above-described invoice in the amount of \$6,151.25, 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 the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoice from Blue Ridge should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by Black Hills.

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 1st day of March, 2016.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

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

Executive Director