BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on) Application No. NG-0095.2/ its own motion, seeking to) PI-213 investigate the effect of the Tax) Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 upon rates) ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. BA-003 set by Nebraska's natural gas) public utilities subject to) Commission jurisdiction: Black) Hills Energy) Entered: July 31, 2018

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received a letter dated June 5, 2018, from Blake Austin (Public Advocate) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling \$1,790.00. 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 the assessment for the above-mentioned invoice from the Public Advocate should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment from Black Hills Energy.

ORDER

IT IS FURTHER 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 31st day of July, 2018.

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

//s//Frank E. Landis
//s//Mary Ridder