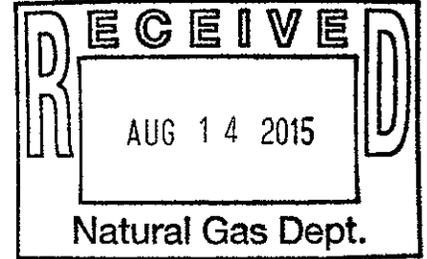


BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT)
APPLICATION OF SOURCEGAS)
DISTRIBUTION, LLC, SOURCEGAS)
HOLDINGS, LLC AND BLACK HILLS)
UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. FOR ALL)
NECESSARY AUTHORIZATIONS)
AND APPROVALS FOR BLACK)
HILLS HOLDINGS, INC. TO)
ACQUIRE SOURCEGAS HOLDINGS,)
LLC.)**

Application No. NG-0084



PETITION OF FORMAL INTERVENTION

COMES NOW Public Alliance for Community Energy (hereinafter referred to as "ACE"), a Nebraska Interlocal Agency created pursuant to Neb Rev. Stat. §§ 13-801 to 13-827, and submits this Petition of Formal Intervention pursuant to the Rules of Commission Procedure, NEB. ADMIN. CODE, Title 291, Chapter 1, Commission Rule 015. In support of this Petition, ACE respectfully states as follows:

1. ACE is a natural gas supplier in the Choice Gas program in Nebraska. ACE is a municipally owned organization, headquartered in Lincoln, Nebraska, comprised of 72 member communities and one public power district that have joined together to provide a competitively priced, reliable supply of natural gas. For purposes of this proceeding, notices and other communications should be sent to the following:

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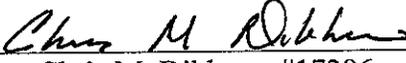
2. The Nebraska Public Service Commission has granted to ACE a certificate to be a Competitive Natural Gas Provider under the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 66-1801 to 66-1864.

3. ACE is a supplier in the Nebraska consumer choice program offered by SourceGas Distribution LLC, a jurisdictional utility in Nebraska.
4. ACE requests participation in this proceeding to allow ACE to monitor and participate in this proceeding, if needed, to protect ACE's interests.
5. ACE's interests cannot be adequately represented by any other party to this proceeding. ACE's formal intervention and participation in this proceeding is in the public interest.
6. Based upon the foregoing, ACE is an interested party in this docket and desires to have party status as a Formal Intervenor in order that it may participate in these proceedings.

WHEREFORE, ACE respectfully requests that the Nebraska Public Service Commission grant ACE status as a formal intervener in this proceeding, and as such, that ACE be allowed to participate in this matter as provided in the Rules of Commission Procedure.

Date: August 12, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,


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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

On this 12th day of August, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing Petition was mailed by United States Mail, First Class, postage prepaid to:

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