SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

| In the Matter of the |) | Application No. NG-124 |
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| Application of Black Hills |) | |
| Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black |) | |
| Hills Energy, Rapid City, South |) | ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION |
| Dakota, seeking approval of a |) | OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE AND |
| general rate increase. |) | SETTING PLANNING CONFERENCE |
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| |) | Entered: May 8, 2025 |

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On May 1, 2025, Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills" or "Applicant") filed an application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking a general rate increase. A Petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on May 6, 2025.

Pursuant to the Rules and Regulations of the Commission, I find that the above-described petition for formal intervention should be granted, and the Nebraska Public Advocate should be designated as a formal intervenor and a party to this proceeding. Furthermore, she should be entitled to participate in this proceeding to the extent of her express interest in the matter and in a manner consistent with Commission Rules.

Furthermore, for the purpose of setting a procedural schedule in this matter, including discovery deadlines and a hearing date, I find that a planning conference in the above-captioned matter should be scheduled on **Tuesday**, **June 10**, **2025**, **at 10:00 a.m. CDT**. The planning conference will be held via webconference. Access instructions for the conference will be sent to the parties separately.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Hearing Officer that the petition of the Nebraska Public Advocate for formal intervention in this matter should be granted, consistent with the terms set forth herein.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Planning Conference in the above-captioned matter be, and it is hereby, scheduled for **Tuesday**, **June 10**, **2025**, **at 10:00 a.m. CDT**.

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ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 8th day of May, 2025.

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BY:

Dan Watermeier HEARING OFFICER