BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS NEBRASKA GAS, LLC d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY, RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA SEEKING TO MAKE CHANGES TO THE CONSUMER CHOICE PROGRAM IN NEBRASKA	)))))))	Application No. NG-102.1 PETITION FOR FORMAL INTERVENTION AND PROTEST (Nebraska Public Advocate)

Pursuant to Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Chapter 1, § 002.12, the Nebraska Public Advocate hereby petitions the Nebraska Public Service Commission to allow him to formally intervene and become a party for all purposes in the above-numbered docket styled *"In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota Seeking to make change to the Consumer Choice Program in Nebraska.*

In support of her petition to formally intervene, the Nebraska Public Advocate states as follows:

1. Correspondence or communications regarding this petition, including service of all notices and orders of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, should be addressed to:

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2. The interest of intervener is predicated upon her statutory duties as Nebraska Public Advocate to represent the interests of Nebraska citizens and all classes of jurisdictional utility ratepayers, other than high volume ratepayers, in matters involving jurisdictional utilities and to investigate the legality and reasonableness of rates, charges, and practices of jurisdictional utilities. Neb Rev. Stat §66-1831 authorizes the Nebraska Public Advocate to petition for relief, request, initiate, and intervene in any proceeding before the Commission concerning such utilities. The grounds upon which the intervention is made include, but are not limited to, the need of the Nebraska Public Advocate to be informed of prospective changes to rates, charges, and practices of jurisdictional utilities, as falling within the statutory responsibilities of the Nebraska Public Advocate and so establish the need for the Nebraska Public Advocate to participate fully in these proceedings. This statutory duty cannot be performed by any other party to this proceeding.

WHEREFORE, the Nebraska Public Advocate hereby respectfully requests the Commission, for the reasons described above, to grant her petition to formally intervene.

DATED this 23rd day of October, 2026.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of Public Advocate's "Petition for Formal Intervention and Protest" was served electronically on this 23rd day of October 2026, upon the following:

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