BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, to review proposed tariff revisions by 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 ORDER SUSPENDING TARIFF AND NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT Entered: October 27, 2026

BY THE COMMISSION:

On October 16, 2026, Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy of Rapid City, South Dakota ("Black Hills") filed proposed revisions to certain sheets of its Nebraska Natural Gas Tariff. The proposed revisions include general administrative changes to the Choice Program provisions, definitions, and references. However, included in its filing is a proposal to eliminate the fixed monthly bill price option for Residential and Commercial customers, with a proposed effective date of January 1, 2027.

B A C K G R O U N D

This docket originates from Docket No. NG-102/PI-225, which the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened for the purpose of gathering information regarding, and reviewing the administration of, customer choice programs for natural gas service offered within the State of Nebraska ("Choice Program").

In that docket, the Commission historically hosts a workshop to review the previous year's Choice Gas Selection Period. At this year's workshop, held on Tuesday, June 30, 2026, the Commission facilitated a general discussion between Black Hills, the Choice Program administrator, and the Choice Gas Program Suppliers regarding the fixed monthly bill price option.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1808, the Commission may suspend the operation of a revised tariff and defer its effective date. The Commission finds that such a suspension is appropriate in this case, given that the tariff would result in a significant change to the Choice Program impacting both suppliers and customers. As such, the Commission has determined it must suspend the operation of the proposed tariff in order to conduct a thorough review of the filing.

The Commission further finds that it may be necessary to assess certain expenses associated with this docket to Black Hills, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840. The Commission hereby provides notice to the utility, as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840, that expenses may be assessed.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the proposed Revised Tariff Sheet Nos. 7, 9, 15, 77, and 97 through 122, filed by Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy be, and are hereby, suspended until further order of the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, is hereby given notice of assessment as required by Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1840.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a copy of this order shall be mailed to Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 27th day of October, 2026.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Vice Chair

ATTEST:

Executive Director