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**BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

IN THE MATTER OF BLACK HILLS	)	
NEBRASKA GAS, LLC d/b/a BLACK	)	Application No. NG-111.3
HILLS ENERGY, RAPID CITY, SOUTH	)	
DAKOTA, SEEKING TO MODIFY ITS	)	
TARIFF DUE TO THE FEBRUARY 2021	)	PETITION OF FORMAL
COLD WEATHER EVENT AND	)	INTERVENTION
IMPLEMENT A CONVERSION FEE FOR	)	(Public Advocate)
COMMERCIAL SALES CUSTOMERS	)	
WHO CONVERT TO	)	
TRANSPORTATION SERVICE.	)	

Pursuant to Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Chpt. 1, §015.01, 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 Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, Rapid City, South Dakota, Seeking to Modify its Tariff Due to the February 2021 Cold Weather Event and Implement a Conversion Fee for Commercial Sales Customers Who Convert to Transportation Service*” In support of his 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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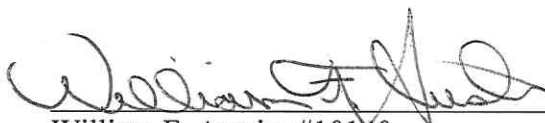
2. The interest of intervener is predicated upon his statutory duties as Public Advocate to represent the interests of Nebraska citizens and all classes of jurisdictional utility ratepayers, other than high volume ratepayers, in matters involving jurisdictional utilities and to investigate the legality 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 duty and 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 Public Advocate and the need for the Public Advocate to participate fully in these proceedings. This statutory duty cannot be performed adequately by any other party to this proceeding.

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

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of Public Advocate's Petition of Formal Intervention was served electronically on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2021, upon the following:

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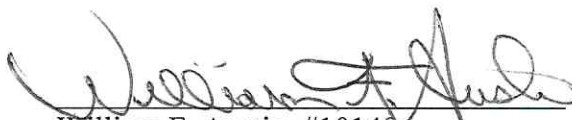
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