

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF THE)	
APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS)	Application No. NG-112.2
NEBRASKA GAS, LLC D/B/A)	
BLACK HILLS ENERGY SEEKING)	PETITION FOR FORMAL
APPROVAL OF A 2023 SYSTEM)	INTERVENTION
SAFETY & INTEGRITY RIDER)	(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 seeking approval of a 2023 System Safety & Integrity Rider.”* 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 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 his petition to formally intervene.

DATED this 4th day of August, 2022.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC ADVOCATE

By: 

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

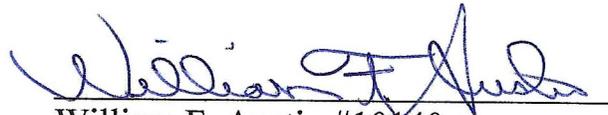
The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of Public Advocate's "Petition for Formal Intervention" was served electronically on this 4th day of August 2022, upon the following:

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