

SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills) Application No. NG-111.3
Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black)
Hills Energy, Rapid City, South)
Dakota, seeking to modify its) ORDER GRANTING FORMAL
tariff due to the February 2021) INTERVENTION OF PUBLIC ADVOCATE
cold weather event and)
implement a conversion fee for)
commercial sales customers who)
convert to transportation)
service.) Entered: July 19, 2021

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On June 30, 2021, the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") opened the above-captioned docket to address an application filed by Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, of Rapid City, South Dakota ("Black Hills") to modify its tariff. The proposed modification relates to costs incurred by customers electing to convert to its Energy Options program subsequent to the February cold weather event.¹ A Petition for Formal Intervention was filed by the Nebraska Public Advocate on July 12, 2021.

Pursuant to the Rules of Commission Procedure, 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 1-015.01 et seq., I find that the above-listed 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.² The Nebraska Public Advocate further should be entitled to participate in this proceeding to the extent of his express interest in the matter and in a manner consistent with 291 Neb. Admin. Code § 1-015.01C.

¹ See Commission Docket No. NG-111, *In the Matter of the Commission, on its own motion, seeking to investigate the effect of the February 2021 cold weather event upon the cost of gas supply purchased by Nebraska gas utilities.*

² The petition of the Public Advocate for this order may be unnecessary pursuant to the formal intervention granted to the Public Advocate in Docket No. NG-111, see *Order Granting Formal Intervention of Public Advocate*, entered March 5, 2021. However, for purposes of clarity, the motion filed in the present docket will be granted.

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

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 19th day of July, 2021.

BY:



Tim Schram
HEARING OFFICER