

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 SETTING PROCEDURAL
tariff due to the February 2021) SCHEDULE AND NOTICE OF
cold weather event and implement) HEARING
a conversion fee for commercial)
sales customers who convert to)
transportation service.) Entered: August 23, 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. Petitions of formal intervention were submitted by the Public Advocate and by WoodRiver Energy, LLC ("WoodRiver"), and were subsequently granted by order of the Hearing Officer on July 19th and August 5th respectively.

Procedural Schedule

After the submission of the application by Black Hills, a planning conference was held with the parties to this docket. This order serves to formalize the timeline for proceedings in this docket.

A. Service

Parties may meet filing deadlines outlined herein by sending an electronic copy of the filing via electronic mail to psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov, so long as all parties are served via electronic mail contemporaneously.

B. Discovery

Parties should reference the Nebraska Court Rules of Discovery in Civil Cases for general guidance as to the conduct of discovery. Should this order conflict with any provision of said Rules, this order will control. Parties should make efforts to resolve any discovery disputes.

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All parties shall provide a courtesy copy of any discovery requests and responses to the Commission. Such discovery requests and responses shall not be part of the official record unless they are offered and accepted as exhibits during the hearing on the application. If using electronic mail, parties should send copies of the documents to psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov.

C. Deadlines

Deadlines for various events and filings were established through communication with the parties and are set forth below. All filings are due by 5:00 p.m. Central Time unless otherwise noted.

Date	Event
Wednesday, June 30, 2021	Application filed
Friday, July 30, 2021	Protest date
Thursday, August 19, at 2:00 p.m.	Planning conference
Friday, September 17, 2021	Final date for discovery requests to be served by Public Advocate, Intervenors, and Commission Staff on Applicant
Friday, October 1, 2021	All discovery responses from Applicant due to Public Advocate, Intervenors, and Commission Staff
Friday, October 22, 2021	Deadline to submit pre-filed testimony, if desired Public Advocate to file report on findings
Wednesday, November 10, 2021	Deadline to file exhibit lists and witness lists Deadline for all motions or other filings
Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.	Prehearing conference (if necessary)
Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.	Hearing

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D. Settlement

All parties are encouraged to cooperate and engage in negotiations; however, the conduct of negotiations does not relieve the parties of their obligation to meet filing deadlines. Parties need not identify in settlement agreements specific dollar values attached to specific issues.

E. Prehearing Conference

Motions submitted by the parties will be considered by the Hearing Officer at the prehearing conference, held on **Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** This conference will be held via webconference, and access instructions will be sent to the parties the week prior to the conference.

If no motions are submitted, and there are no other outstanding issues which must be considered prior to hearing, the Commission will notify the parties that the prehearing conference will be cancelled.

F. Hearing

A hearing will be held in the above-captioned docket will be held in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** Access to the hearing via webconference will be made available.

The Commission will arrange for a court reporter for the hearing in this matter, and an expedited transcript will be provided. The costs for the reporter's services and the transcript will be assessed to the Applicant.

If auxiliary aids or reasonable accommodations are needed for attendance at the meeting, please call the Commission at (402) 471-3101. For people with hearing/speech impairments, please call the Nebraska Relay System at (800) 833-7352 (TDD) or (800) 833-0920 (Voice). Advance notice of at least seven days is needed when requesting an interpreter.

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IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the deadlines and requirements established in this order and attached hereto are hereby adopted.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a prehearing conference on this matter will be held on **Monday, November 15, 2021, at 1:30 p.m.** via webconference.

IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that a hearing on this matter will be held on **Wednesday, November 17, 2021, at 9:00 a.m.** in the Commission Hearing room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 23rd day of August, 2021.

BY:



Tim Schram
HEARING OFFICER