

# SECRETARY'S RECORD, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Black Hills	)	Application No. NG-117
Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black	)	
Hills Energy, Rapid City, South	)	Order Setting Procedural
Dakota, seeking approval to	)	Schedule
implement a voluntary renewable	)	
natural gas and carbon offset	)	
program.	)	Entered: September 29, 2022

BY THE HEARING OFFICER:

On August 12, 2022, Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills") filed an application with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") seeking approval to implement a voluntary renewable natural gas and carbon offset program to be made effective on January 1, 2023. A petition for Formal Intervention by the Nebraska Public Advocate ("PA") was approved by the Commission on August 18, 2022. No other parties have intervened in this docket.

## **Procedural Schedule**

On September 29, 2022, a planning conference was held with the parties to this docket for the purposes of establishing a timeline for the completion of the Commission's review. 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](mailto:psc.naturalgas@nebraska.gov), so long as all parties are served via electronic mail contemporaneously.

### **B. 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.

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Date	Event
Friday August 12, 2022	Application Filed
Tuesday August 16, 2022	Publication Date
Thursday September 15, 2022	Protest Date
Thursday September 29, 2022	Planning Conference - 9:00 a.m.
Friday September 30, 2022	Public Advocate to file report on proposed NE VRNG
Tuesday October 4, 2022	Applicant to file response to report
Tuesday November 8, 2022	Witness & Exhibit lists and Possible Stipulations/Agreements due (10:00 a.m.)
Tuesday November 8, 2022	Prehearing Conference (2:00 p.m. - if needed)
Wednesday November 9, 2022	Hearing (9:30 a.m.)

## C. 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.

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## **D. Prehearing Conference**

Motions submitted by the parties will be considered by the Hearing Officer at the prehearing conference, held on **Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 2:00 p.m. Central Time**. 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.

## **E. Hearing**

A hearing will be held in the above-captioned docket in the Commission Hearing Room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska, on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Central Time**. This Hearing shall be held in person, however, remote access to the hearing will be available via WebEx at the following link: <https://psc.nebraska.gov/stream> (case sensitive). If a witness desires to appear via Webex, please notify Commission Staff in advance so that they may ensure that said witness has the appropriate capability to appear via video and audio. Anyone attempting to appear via voice call only shall not be allowed to testify.

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.

## O R D E R

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 **Tuesday, November 8, 2022, at 2:00 p.m.** via webconference.

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IT IS FINALLY ORDERED that a hearing on this matter will be held on **Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 9:30 a.m. Central Time** in the Commission Hearing room, 300 The Atrium, 1200 N Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 29th day of September, 2022.

BY:



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Dan Watermeier  
HEARING OFFICER