

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEBRASKA**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE** )  
**APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS** ) Application No. NG-109  
**NEBRASKA GAS, LLC, D/BA BLACK** )  
**HILLS ENERGY, RAPID CITY, SOUTH** )  
**DAKOTA SEEKING APPROVAL OF A** )  
**GENERAL RATE INCREASE** )

**MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER**

Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“BH Nebraska Gas”) is the Applicant for a general rate increase as filed in Application No. NG-109 with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (the “Commission”). In conjunction therewith, Applicant files this Motion for Protective Order.

Applicant seeks a Protective Order pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1829 of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, and Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 291, Chapter 9, Rule 006 (Confidential Information), to preserve the confidentiality of any and all confidential information and materials filed or otherwise involved in the above-captioned proceeding.

In support of this Motion, Joint Applicants state as follows:

1. As provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1829 and the Commission’s existing rules and regulations, the Commission may enter an order to adopt a Protective Order (*i.e.*, in the form attached hereto) to cover any “Confidential” materials that may be submitted by the Applicant or other Participants, in conjunction with the above-captioned proceeding.
2. Issuing a standard Commission Protective Order in this proceeding is in the public interest as it will protect the confidential materials of the Applicant and other Participants in this proceeding.
3. The Protective Order contains provisions that require the Applicant and other Participants to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the State Natural Gas Regulation

Act. The Protective Order also incorporates the Commission's proposed Rules and Regulations regarding confidential information. See Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 66-1801 et seq.; see also Neb. Admin. Code, Title 291, Ch. 9, Rule 006 (Confidential Information).

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Nebraska Public Service Commission adopt and issue the attached Order Adopting Protective Order in accordance with the State Natural Gas Regulation Act and any applicable existing or proposed rules or regulations of the Commission to cover the Confidential Materials filed by Participants in this proceeding.

Dated: June 1, 2020

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The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was served by e-mail and U.S. Mail, sufficient postage prepaid on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 2020 upon the following individuals:

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