

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills/Kansas )  
Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, )  
for a certificate of Public Convenience and Authority to ) Docket No. 18-BHCG-282-COC  
Transact the Business of a Natural Gas Public Utility )  
in Certain Portions of Morton County, Kansas. )

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE**

Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills"), hereby requests the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Commission") grant it authorization to transact business as a natural gas utility in certain portions of Morton County, Kansas, specifically described as follows:

All of Sections 20 and 21  
Township 35 South, Range 42 West  
Morton County, Kansas.

A map of the territory for which the Certificate of Convenience and Authority is requested is attached as "Exhibit A". The requested territory is not currently certificated to any other natural gas utility and Black Hills is the certificated natural gas utility in the surrounding area.

In support of its Application, Black Hills states:

Black Hills currently holds the certificates of convenience to serve the City of Elkhart, Kansas in Morton County, Kansas as follows:

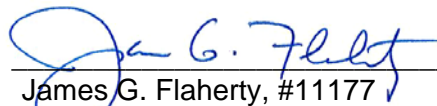
All of Sections 16 and 17  
S/2 of Section 8 and the S/2 of Section 9  
Township 35 South, Range 42 West  
Morton Country, Kansas.

The City of Elkhart's boundaries have expanded southward since the initial certificates of convenience were authorized. With this Application, Black Hills requests the certificates of convenience to serve the City of Elkhart in all sections it currently occupies.

Black Hills is a natural gas public utility company under the jurisdiction of the Commission which is engaged in the delivery and sale of natural gas within the meaning of K.S.A. 66-104, in

legally designated areas of Kansas. Black Hills holds a certificate of convenience and authority issued by the Commission, authorizing it to engage in such utility business. Black Hills has previously filed with the Commission certified copies of its Articles of Incorporation under which it was organized and a Certificate of Registration as a corporation authorized to do business in Kansas, and all amendments thereto and restatements thereof, and the same are incorporated hereby by reference.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that a Certificate of Convenience and Authority be issued granting the right to transact the business of a natural gas public utility to Black Hills in the above-described territory.



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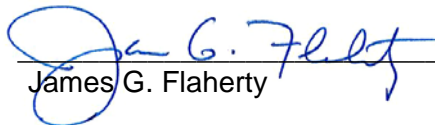
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STATE OF KANSAS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, ss:

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is attorney of the within named applicant, that he has read the above and foregoing application and the statements contained therein are true.



James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018.



Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

Exhibit A

