

**THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS**

Before Commissioners: Mark Sievers, Chairman  
Ward Loyd  
Thomas E. Wright

In the Matter of the Application of Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, for Approval of the Commission for Gas System Reliability Surcharge per K.S.A. 66-2201 through 66-2204 ) Docket No. 12-BHCG-055-TAR

**PREHEARING OFFICER'S ORDER GRANTING STAFF'S MOTION TO FILE  
REVISED REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

The above captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. The Commission appointed Charles Reimer as Prehearing Officer in its Order issued 9-14-2011. Having examined its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Prehearing Officer makes the following findings:

1. On July 15, 2011, Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills) filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission for approval of a Gas System Reliability Surcharge per K.S.A. 66-2201 through 66-2204.

2. On September 14, 2011, Staff filed a Motion to File a Revised Report and Recommendation (Motion). Staff observed it had filed its Report and Recommendation on September 12, 2011, but since that filing, had identified a calculation error requiring an amendment. The Revised Report and Recommendation attached to its motion reflected a \$4,373 increase in Staff's recommended revenue requirement allowance from \$623,150 to \$627,523. Staff also amended its initial recommendation that Black Hills be authorized to collect total

GSRS revenue per year from \$1,635,496 to \$1,639,869. Staff requested an order approving its submission for filing of its Revised Report and Recommendation, dated September 14, 2011, attached to its Motion.

3. On September 19, 2011, Counsel for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) informally advised the Prehearing Officer via email that CURB had no objection and would not file a response to Staff's Motion. Black Hills advised it had fax-filed a response, and in its substantive Response to Staff Report and Recommendation dated September 16, 2011, also does not object to the filing of Staff's Revised Report and Recommendation.

4. The Prehearing Officer finds Staff's Motion should be granted.

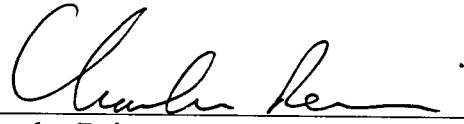
WHEREFORE, the Prehearing Officer makes the following findings:

A. Staff's Motion to File a Revised Report and Recommendation is granted. Staff's submission for filing of its Revised Report and Recommendation dated September 14, 2011 attached to its Motion is approved.

B. This Order will be served by electronic service without follow-up hard copy, as agreed to by the parties. The parties have fifteen days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date the order is served in which to petition the Commission, for reconsideration of any issues decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2010 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it may deem necessary.

Dated: 9-20-2011



Charles Reimer  
Prehearing Officer

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

SEP 20 2011

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Prehearing Officer's Order Granting Staff's Motion to File Revised Report and Recommendation served by electronic mail this 20th day of September, 2011, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies:

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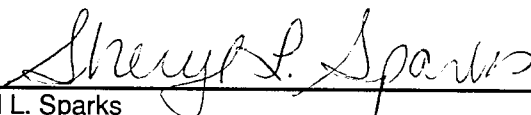
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