

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 ("Black Hills") for an Extension)
of its Certificate of Convenience and Authority to)
Operate as a Natural Gas Public Utility in Certain)
Portions of Reno County, Kansas)
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Docket No. 16-BHCG-024-COC

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STATE OF NEBRASKA)
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COUNTY OF SARPY)

I, Ann Stichler, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, state:


I am Senior Regulatory Analyst for Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills").

That on the 21st day of July, 2015, the Affiant did mail, via the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, a letter and a rate comparison to customers specified in the Application for Certificate and located near South Kent Road in Reno County, Kansas, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits A and B, informing them of the transfer of the distribution assets from Midwest Energy to Black Hills, as set out in the attached letter.

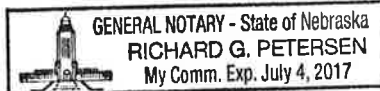
Further affiant saith naught.


Ann Stichler

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of August, 2015.


Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:





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July 21, 2015

Richard Seck
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Hutchinson, KS. 67501

Re: Black Hills Energy Files Application with Kansas Corporation Commission

Dear Richard Seck,

At Black Hills Energy (BHE), we view communicating with our customers as a valued component of our service to you. We regard this letter correspondence as an example of a communications opportunity to share with you.

On July 16, Black Hills Energy filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC or Commission) requesting a certificate of convenience and authority to serve natural gas customers located near South Kent Road in Reno County, Kansas. With Commission approval, Black Hills Energy will operate the gas system and begin serving the twelve gas customers currently served by Midwest Energy.

As a Black Hills Energy customer, you can be assured you will receive the same dedication, integrity and support we provide to our entire family of Kansas gas customers. With KCC approval and completion of the transfer, Black Hills Energy will take ownership of the system, and your rates for service, for all your natural gas needs. For your convenience, we have enclosed a 12-month comparison of current residential rates for Midwest Energy and Black Hills Energy.

The KCC will accept written comments from customers currently served by Midwest Energy and affected by the transfer that are submitted no later than August 17, 2015. Please reference Docket No. 16-BHCG-024-COC and send either by e-mail to public.affairs@kcc.ks.gov, or by standard mail to:

Kansas Corporation Commission
Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection
1500 SW Arrowhead Road
Topeka, KS 66604.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to putting our team of experts to work for you, providing safe, reliable natural gas service. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lon Meyer', written over a horizontal line.

Exhibit B

Residential Rate Comparison - Midwest Energy & Black Hills Energy

Residential Rates - Midwest Energy

	Avg Usage (Dth)	Gas Cost \$/Dth	Delivery Charge \$/Dth	Volumetric Ad Valorem Rate \$/Dth	Monthly GSRS Charge \$/Month	Monthly Customer Charge \$/Month	Total
Jan-14	14.1	\$ 5.389	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 117.32
Feb-14	11.9	\$ 5.976	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 108.34
Mar-14	10.9	\$ 7.298	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 114.91
Apr-14	7.1	\$ 7.033	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 78.20
May-14	4.0	\$ 6.079	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 46.79
Jun-14	1.8	\$ 6.181	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 29.49
Jul-14	1.5	\$ 6.114	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 26.97
Aug-14	1.4	\$ 5.902	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 25.88
Sep-14	1.6	\$ 5.242	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 26.38
Oct-14	2.0	\$ 5.389	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 29.51
Nov-14	4.1	\$ 5.305	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 44.41
Dec-14	10.5	\$ 5.191	\$ 1.840	\$ 0.0280	\$ 2.00	\$ 13.00	\$ 89.12
TOTAL	70.9						\$ 737.32

Residential Rates - Black Hills Energy*

	Avg Usage (Dth)	MONTHLY RATES							BILL CALCULATION		
		Monthly Customer Charge \$/Month	Monthly GSRS Charge \$/Month	Volumetric Delivery Charge \$/Dth	Volumetric PGA Rate \$/Dth	Volumetric Hedge Factor \$/Dth	Volumetric WNA Rate \$/Dth	Volumetric Ad Valorem Rate \$/Dth	Total Volumetric Rate \$/Dth	Total Monthly Charge \$/Month	Total Bill
Jan-14	14.1	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 5.3848	\$ -	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.2311	7.2298	17.25	119.19
Feb-14	11.9	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 5.6489	\$ -	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.1374	7.4002	17.25	105.31
Mar-14	10.9	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 5.8850	\$ -	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.1374	7.6363	17.25	100.49
Apr-14	7.1	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 5.4206	\$ 0.7817	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.1374	7.9536	17.25	73.72
May-14	4.0	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 5.6379	\$ 0.7817	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.1374	8.1709	17.25	49.93
Jun-14	1.8	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 5.5688	\$ 0.7817	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.1374	8.1018	17.25	31.83
Jul-14	1.5	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 5.6282	\$ 0.7817	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.1374	8.1612	17.25	29.49
Aug-14	1.4	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 4.8965	\$ 0.7817	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.1374	7.4295	17.25	27.65
Sep-14	1.6	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 5.0332	\$ 0.7817	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.1374	7.5662	17.25	29.36
Oct-14	2.0	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 4.9755	\$ 0.7817	\$ (0.0694)	\$ 0.1374	7.5085	17.25	32.27
Nov-14	4.1	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 5.7111	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.1374	7.5318	17.25	48.13
Dec-14	10.5	\$ 17.25	\$ -	\$ 1.6833	\$ 6.3436	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 0.1374	8.1643	17.25	102.98
TOTAL	70.9										\$ 750.35

*Black Hills Energy's rates have been adjusted for a rate increase effective 1/1/2015, plus other known and estimated variables effective in 2015