

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

Before Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair
 Jay Scott Emler
 Pat Apple

In the Matter of Black Hills/Kansas Gas)
Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills)
Energy (“Black Hills”), Compliance Filing of)
its Accelerated Pipe Replacement Plan) Docket No. 18-BHCG-319-CPL
Pursuant to the Commission Orders in Docket)
No. 15-GIMG-343-GIG.)

ORDER GRANTING CURB’S PETITION TO INTERVENE

This matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (Commission) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed the pleadings and record, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

1. On January 24, 2018, Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“Black Hills”) filed an application with the Commission in compliance of its Accelerated Pipe Replacement Plan pursuant to the Commission Orders in Docket No. 15-GIMG-343-GIG.¹

2. On February 1, 2018, the Citizens’ Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) filed its Petition to Intervene, citing its statutory authority to represent residential and small commercial ratepayers. CURB explains the rates paid by and the services received by residential and small commercial customers may be substantially affected by this proceeding.²

3. The Commission has broad discretion to grant a petition for intervention if it is in the interest of justice, if the intervention will not impair the orderly and prompt conduct of the

¹ Application for Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC (Jan 24, 2018).

² CURB’s Petition to Intervene, ¶ 5 (Feb. 1, 2018).

proceedings, and if the party has stated facts demonstrating its legal rights, duties, and privileges, immunities, or other legal interests may be substantially affected by the proceeding.³

4. The Commission finds CURB has demonstrated an interest in this proceeding. Therefore, pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521, the Commission grants CURB's Petition for Intervention.

5. CURB will be added to the official service list. Service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and CURB's other designees, as follows:

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THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. CURB's Petition to Intervene is granted pursuant to K.S.A. 77-521.
- B. Parties have 15 days, plus three days if service is by mail, from the date of service of this Order to petition the Commission for reconsideration or request a hearing, as provided in K.S.A. 77-542.⁴

³ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

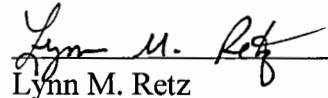
⁴ See also K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: FEB 08 2018



Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of

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