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4. The Commission, having reviewed Black Hills' Motion and Staff's response finds that Black Hills' request to discontinue billing its customers the monthly gas hedge charge for the three remaining months in the Hedge Program recovery period is reasonable, in the public interest, and should be granted. Staff and CURB, the only other parties to this docket, have no objection to Black Hills' request.

**IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:**

(A) The Motion filed June 25, 2013 by Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, requesting to discontinue billing its customers the monthly Gas Hedge Program charge through the remainder of the recovery period, which includes the months of August, September, and October, 2013, is hereby granted.

(B) A party may file a petition for reconsideration of this Order within fifteen (15) days from the date of service of this Order. If service is by mail, service is complete upon mailing and three (3) days shall be added to the above time frame.

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

**BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Sievers, Chmn.; Wright, Com.; Albrecht, Com.

Dated: JUL 09 2013

*Jackie Montfoort Paige*

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Jackie Montfoort Paige  
Acting Executive Director

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The Docket Room hereby certified that on this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, it caused a true and correct copy of the attached ORDER to be deposited in the United States Mail, postage prepaid, and addressed to the above persons.