THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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Shari Feist Albrecht, Chair

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In the Matter of the Application of Black)	
Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC,)	
d/b/a/ Black Hills Energy, for Approval of)	Docket No. 14-BHCG-593-TAR

the Commission for Gas System Reliability

Surcharge per K.S.A. 66-2204.)

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:

- 1. On June 24, 2014, Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a/ Black Hills Energy (Black Hills) submitted for filing a new tariff schedule, Gas System Reliability Surcharge, which is designed to allow for the adjustment of Black Hills' rates and charges to provide for the recovery of costs for eligible infrastructure system replacements. Black Hills is proposing a GSRS Surcharge increase of \$0.40 per month.1 The current GSRS charge for a residential customer is \$1.53 per month. The proposed increase will set the residential customer GSRS at \$1.93 per month.²
- 2. On June 26, 2014, 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

¹ Application, June 24, 2014, ¶ 16.

commercial customers may be substantially affected by this proceeding.³ Accordingly, 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.

3. The Commission finds and concludes that CURB has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and should be granted intervention. 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. The parties have 15 days from the date this Order was served, plus three days if served by mail, to petition for reconsideration.⁴
- C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders as it deems necessary.

³ Petition to Intervene, June 26, 2014, ¶ 5.

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Apple, Commissioner

Dated: _____ JUL 2 2 2014

ORDER MAILED JUL 2 3 2014

Thomas A. Day

Acting Executive Director

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