

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

Before Commissioners: Andrew J. French, Chairperson
 Dwight D. Keen
 Annie Kuether

In the Matter of the Application of Black)
Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a) Docket No. 25-BHCG-298-RTS
Black Hills Energy, for Approval of the)
Commission to Make Certain Changes in its)
Rates for Natural Gas Service.

ORDER GRANTING FREEDOM PIPELINE INTERVENTION

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 February 3, 2025, Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“Black Hills”) filed an Application requesting to increase its revenues annually by \$17,207,752, rebasing amounts currently collected through the Gas System Reliability Surcharge (“GSRS”) of \$4.4 million and adjusting \$1.4 million of the Ad Valorem Tax Surcharge (“AVTS”) into base rates, that will result in an overall rate of return of 7.63%.¹

2. On April 24, 2025, the Freedom Pipeline, LLC (“Freedom Pipeline”) filed its Petition to Intervene. In support of its Petition to Intervene, Freedom Pipeline explains that it is a natural gas transport customer of Black Hills, and may be directly affected by the outcome of 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 Black Hills’ Application, ¶ 9 (Feb. 3, 2025).

² Petition to Intervene of Freedom Pipeline, LLC, ¶ 4 (Apr. 24, 2025).

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 Also, at any time during a proceeding, the Commission may impose limitations on an intervenor's participation.⁴

4. The Commission finds and concludes that Freedom Pipeline has met the requirements of K.A.R. 82-1-225 and K.S.A. 77-521 and should be granted intervention in this Docket. Freedom Pipeline will be added to the mailing list, and electronic service of pleadings, communications, and correspondence should be delivered to counsel of record and intervenors' other designee as follows:

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³ K.S.A. 77-521; K.A.R. 82-1-225.

⁴ K.S.A. 77-521(c).

THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION ORDERS:

- A. Freedom Pipeline's Petition to Intervene is granted.
- B. This Order is procedural and constitutes non-final agency action.⁵

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

French, Chairperson; Keen, Commissioner; Kuether, Commissioner

Dated: 05/01/2025



Celeste Chaney-Tucker
Executive Director

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⁵ K.S.A. 77-607(b)(2).

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that a true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following by means of electronic service on 05/01/2025.

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