BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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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 the Commission to Make Certain Changes in its Rates for Natural Gas Service.

Docket No. 25-BHCG-298-RTS

JOINT MOTION TO APPROVE UNANIMOUS SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff" and "Commission," respectively), Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills" or "Company"), the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB"), Kansas Municipal Gas Agency ("KMGA"), Symmetry Energy Solutions, LLC ("Symmetry"), WoodRiver Energy, LLC ("WoodRiver"), Freedom Pipeline, LLC ("Freedom Pipeline"), and Seaboard Energy Kansas, LLC ("Seaboard") (collectively, "Joint Movants" and signatory parties to this Joint Motion), pursuant to K.A.R. 82-1-230a, request that the Commission issue an order approving the Unanimous Settlement Agreement ("Agreement"), attached as **Exhibit A**. In support of this Motion, the Joint Movants state and allege as follows:

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settlement of the issues in this matter. The Joint Movants were able to reach a settlement agreement in principle resolving all issues in the case. The Settlement Agreement was executed and filed with the Commission on June 13, 2025. The resolution of all of the issues is set forth in the Agreement attached hereto as **Exhibit A**. Since all parties to the docket signed the Agreement, it is considered a unanimous settlement agreement under the Commission's regulations (K.A.R. 82-1-230a).

9. The Joint Movants believe the Agreement represents a reasonable and fair resolution of this matter and that the terms contained therein are in the public interest. Joint Movants believe the Agreement satisfies the three factors that the Commission considers when reviewing a proposed unanimous settlement agreement.

10. As the Commission is aware, the three questions the Commission considers when reviewing proposed unanimous settlement agreements are as follows:

- (a) is the Agreement supported by substantial competent evidence;
- (b) does the Agreement result in just and reasonable rates; and
- (c) are the results of the Agreement in the public interest?¹

11. The parties to this docket are Staff, Black Hills, CURB, WoodRiver, KMGA, Symmetry, Freedom Pipeline and Seaboard. The Agreement addresses all issues between the Joint Movants raised in this proceeding. Representatives from all of the Joint Movants participated in the settlement negotiations in this docket on June 5, 2025. A settlement of all issues was reached by the Joint Movants resulting in the Agreement attached as **Exhibit A** which is being filed with this Motion. All Parties have had an opportunity to be heard with respect to the terms of the Agreement.

12. The Agreement was fully and fairly negotiated and represents a reasonable compromise

¹Docket No. 23-ATMG-359-RTS, Order Approving Settlement Agreement, issued May 9, 2023, paragraph 23.

based on all Parties' pre-filed positions and will result in just and reasonable rates for Black Hills' customers. Kansas law recognizes a strong policy favoring and encouraging settlements.² Standards for reviewing the reasonableness of a settlement agreement require the Commission to make a finding, supported by substantial competent evidence from a review of the record as a whole, that the settlement will establish just and reasonable rates.³ That standard is met in this case.

A. <u>THE AGREEMENT IS SUPPORTED BY SUBSTANTIAL COMPETENT EVIDENCE</u>

13. There is substantial competent evidence in the record to support the agreement reached by the Joint Movants. In total, nine (9) Black Hills witnesses filed direct and/or rebuttal testimony along with the testimony of a witness being filed in support of the Agreement. In addition to the testimony filed by the Joint Movants in support of the Agreement, nine (9) Staff witnesses and four (4) CURB witnesses also filed direct testimony in this docket. Intervenors, KMGA, Freedom Pipeline, Seaboard, Symmetry and WoodRiver filed direct and/or cross-testimony in this docket. The Agreement is consistent with the testimony filed in this docket and reflects a compromise of the positions taken by the Joint Movants as set forth in their respective direct, cross and rebuttal testimonies and exhibits.

14. Settlement negotiations were thorough and comprehensive and the Joint Movants had differing opinions about certain items. However, the Joint Movants were able to negotiate a compromise that satisfied each Joint Movant. This was done, in part, by agreeing to a revenue requirement without explicitly stating the resulting conclusions on every item in dispute. Where it was necessary to specifically state the settlement reached by the Joint Movants on a particular item for

²Bright v. LSI Corp., 254 Kan. 853, 858, 869 P.2d 686 (1994).

³Farmland Industries v. Kansas Corporation Commission, 24 Kan.App.2d 172, 186-188, 943 P.2d 470 (1997); Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board v. State Corp. Comm'n of the State of Kansas, 28 Kan.App.2d 313, 316-317, 16 P.3rd 319 (Kan.App.2000).

setting future rates or for other reasons, the Joint Movants did so.

B. <u>THE AGREEMENT WILL RESULT IN JUST AND REASONABLE RATES</u>

15. Kansas case law dealing with utility rate cases indicates the "just and reasonable" standard coincides with the "zone of reasonableness" test adopted by the Kansas courts. The "just and reasonable" standard was first outlined by the United States Supreme Court.⁴ The Court emphasized that when evaluating whether rates are just and reasonable, the focus of inquiry is properly on the end result or "total effect" of the rate order, rather than on the specific rate-setting method employed. In addition, the *Hope* case was followed by another Supreme Court case, ⁵ which found the Natural Gas Act's articulated "just and reasonable" standard coincides with the applicable constitutional standards and any rate selected by a regulatory commission within the "broad zone of reasonableness" cannot properly be attacked as confiscatory.

16. Applying these standards to the Agreement, the agreed-upon net new base rate increase of \$15.2 million falls within the range of increases proposed by Staff, CURB and Black Hills and is consistent with Kansas law regarding the reasonableness of rates. The Kansas Supreme Court has discussed the "zone of reasonableness" as it applies to the Commission's ratemaking function as follows:

There is an elusive range of reasonableness in calculating a fair rate of return. A court can only concern itself with the question as to whether a rate is so unreasonably low or so unreasonably high as to be unlawful. The in-between point, where the rate is most fair to the utility and its customers, is a matter for the State Corporation Commission's determination.⁶

⁴Power Comm'n v. Hope Gas Co., 320 U.S. 591, 64 S.Ct. 281, 88 L.Ed. 333 (1944).

⁵*Permian Basin Area Rate Cases*, 390 U.S. 747, 770, 88 S.Ct. 1344, 20 L.Ed.2d 312, *reh denied* 392 U.S. 917, 88 S.Ct. 2050 (1968).

⁶Southwestern Bell Tel. Co. v. State Corporation Commission, 192 Kan. 39, 41, 386 P.2d 515 (1963).

17. Black Hills' base rate increase as set forth in its rebuttal testimony was \$18.3 million. Staff recommended a base rate increase of \$13.6 million. CURB recommended in its testimony a base rate increase of \$18 million. Accordingly, the stipulated increase in base rates of \$15.2 million clearly falls within the zone of reasonableness when one considers the stipulated revenue increase is well within the positions of the Joint Movants. When combined with the evidence presented by the Joint Movants through filed testimony and schedules, the stipulated revenue requirement is supported by substantial competent evidence and results in just and reasonable rates. The stipulated amount also satisfies the balancing test aspect of the zone of reasonableness evaluation because the stipulated amount also mount necessarily represents the Joint Movants' recognition of the risk of litigation and that a party will likely not prevail on every element of the pre-filed case.

18. In addition to the establishment of an overall revenue increase, the other specific provisions of the Agreement were fully and fairly negotiated by the Joint Movants in conjunction with the knowledge that it is unlikely the Commission would accept all of the Joint Movants' pre-filed positions. Each Joint Movant carefully considered the issues before the Commission and used their best judgment and knowledge of Commission precedent to determine where it might be successful and where compromise was warranted and appropriate.

C. <u>THE AGREEMENT IS IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST</u>

19. Each Joint Movant has a duty to protect the interest of the party it represents. Black Hills has a duty to its customers, employees and shareholders. The Staff and the Commission are in the unique position of being required to weigh and balance the interests of the company, the customers, and the public generally. CURB represents the interests of residential and small commercial customers. As referenced in the *Kansas Gas & Electric* case, "the focus of the inquiry (in

setting "just and reasonable" rates) is properly on the end result or "total effect" of the rate order, rather than upon the rate-setting employed."⁷ The "total effect" of the terms of the Agreement results in just and reasonable rates and represents an equitable balancing of the interest of all the Parties. Thus, the Agreement is in the public interest and should be approved by the Commission in its entirety.

20. The Joint Movants will be filing testimony in support of the Agreement on June 16,2025.

WHEREFORE, for the reasons set forth herein, Joint Movants request that this Joint Motion be granted and that the Agreement attached hereto be approved.

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⁷Kansas Gas & Electric, 239 Kan. 483, 489 (1986).

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, states:

That he is the attorney for Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy named in the foregoing Joint Motion to Approve Unanimous Settlement Agreement, and is duly authorized to make this affidavit; that he has read the foregoing Joint Motion, and knows the contents thereof; and that the facts set forth therein are true.

James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 13th day of June, 2025.

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansa RONDA ROSSMAN My Appt. Expires May 25, 2026

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Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was sent via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, hand-delivery, or electronically, this 13th day of June, 2025, addressed to:

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II. <u>SETTLEMENT PROVISIONS</u>

1. Stipulated Revenue Requirement.

a. The Parties agree that the Commission should authorize an overall annual increase in base rates of \$15.2 million. This increase includes \$4.4 million related to rebasing GSRS surcharge revenues. The incremental new revenue increase is \$10.8 million.

2. Carrying Charges to Be Applied for Purposes of Calculating Black Hills' GSRS and Abbreviated Rate Case Revenue Deficiency.

a. For purposes of calculating Black Hills' GSRS, the carrying charges to be applied to recoverable investments in such filings shall be calculated using a carrying charge of 8.37% gross of tax, which is based on state and federal tax rates in effect as of the date of Settlement. The Parties agree this carrying charge is solely for purpose of subsequent GSRS filings and the abbreviated rate case agreed to in this Settlement and is not precedential for any other purpose. Should tax rates change between now and the next Black Hills general rate case decision, the carrying charge set forth in this paragraph shall be adjusted to reflect the change

in the tax rates.

3. Capital Structure/Cost of Debt/Cost of Equity.

a. The Parties agree that nothing in this Settlement constitutes an agreement by the Parties to the capital structure, cost of debt and cost of equity presented in this case and this Settlement does not prevent the Parties from challenging such proposals in the future.

4. Abbreviated Rate Case.

a. The Parties agree on the abbreviated rate case procedure and limited issues to be addressed in the abbreviated rate case as proposed by Staff. For purposes of the abbreviated rate case the Parties agree that Black Hills' total adjusted rate base as of February 28, 2025, shall be \$294,824,431.

5. Deferred Accounting Insurance Tracker.

a. The Parties agree on the deferred accounting insurance tracker as proposed by Black Hills.

b. The Parties agree to Staff's recommendation to sunset the deferred accounting insurance tracker as part of Black Hills' next general rate case and require Black Hills to support the cost recovery of the deferred balance in its next general rate case filing.

c. The parties agree that the insurance amount embedded in base rates shall be \$1,128,696.

6. Accounting Matters.

a. Ad Valorem Surcharge. For purposes of filing Black Hills' ad valorem surcharge rider in December 2025 (and subsequent years until rebased in Black Hills' next base rate case), the Parties agree that the ad valorem tax expenses embedded in base rates shall be \$7,815,966.

b. Amortization periods and/or expenses are established as follows:

i. Black Hills' actual rate case expense—five years;

ii. Black Hills' Pension amortization of \$717,948 and OPEB amortizationof \$95,444 - three years;

iii. With respect to item 6.b ii above, Black Hills shall have the right to recover any unamortized amount relating to Pension and OPEB deferrals;

iv. For the purposes of calculating Black Hills' pension tracker going forward, the Parties agree that the base rates agreed to in this Settlement include the following expenses:

1. Black Hills Pension Expense: \$262,612;

2. Black Hills OPEB Expense: \$167,600.

7. Tax Adjustment Rider ("TA Rider").

a. The Parties agree that Black Hills shall follow the process as proposed in its testimony to refund \$2,950,909. After Black Hills files its 2024 income tax return and the amounts are finalized, a true-up adjustment will be made in the TA Rider. The Company proposes this true-up adjustment occur prior to the first month of refunds being given to customers. If time does not allow for a true-up prior to November 1, 2025, the Company proposes to true-up the final EDIT amount at the end of the refund period, after April 30, 2026.

8. Class Cost of Service and Rate Design.

a. The Parties agree that nothing in this Settlement constitutes an agreement by the Parties to the Class Cost of Service Studies presented in this case and this Settlement does not prevent the Parties from challenging such studies in the future.

b. The residential class customer charge shall be \$21.00 per month. The small commercial customer charge shall be \$32.00 per month.

c. The Parties agree the rate increase shall be allocated among the respective classes of customers according to the amounts indicated for each class as shown on **Attachment A** to this Settlement.

d. The Parties agree to the rates set forth in Attachment A.

9. Time Period Used to Determine Normal Weather and Weather Normalization Adjustment ("WNA").

a. For purposes of this Settlement only, the Parties agree to use a 10-year period to determine normal weather. The Parties shall not be prejudiced, bound by or in any way affected by this portion of this Agreement in any future general rate case.

b. For the purpose of calculating the WNA factor, the Parties agree to use the Heating Sensitivity Coefficients for the WNA Rider as set forth in **Attachment B** to this Settlement.

Transportation Tariff Revisions and KMGA's Request Relating to CCOSS in Black
Hills' Next General Rate Case.

a. The Parties agree to defer the proposed daily balancing transportation tariff revisions, including proposed revisions relating to (1) the addition of daily balance charges; (2) receipt point capacity allocation assignments; and (3) expansion of Operational Flow Order ("OFO") to customer-specific OFOs; to a separate docket to be initiated by Black Hills after a final order is issued in the abbreviated rate case discussed in this Settlement.

b. The Parties agree with respect to the proposed annual aggregation enrollment revision to allow for a two-year transition period. The beginning date for enrollment will be July 1st. The two-year period results in the initial annual enrollment under the new provision to be July 1, 2027. c. The Parties agree to the non-telemetered daily balancing service charge being set at \$0.012 per therm.

d. The Parties agree to the Gas Quality Specifications revisions and the LVI telemetry requirements as proposed by Black Hills.

e. Black Hills agrees in its next general rate case to include in its Class Cost of

Service Study ("CCOSS"), as an alternative for information purposes, a CCOSS that separates

out the LVS customer class into Firm, Transportation and Interruptible customers. Black Hills

is not obligated in any way to advocate for the alternative CCOSS provided.

11. Other Tariff Revisions.

a. The Parties agree to the tariff revisions proposed by Nicholas W. Smith in his

direct and subsequent revisions accepted in his rebuttal testimony. Per CURB's

recommendation, Section 2.1c shall be changed to read as follows:

(2.1-c) Disclaimer on Company's Treatment of Customer-Specific Information:

Customer information, which shall include all billing statement information, usage data and agent information, shall not be released to any other party without the customer's consent, except that neither notice nor Customer consent shall be required when Customer-specific information is released in response to a request of the Commission or its staff. If within a KCC proceeding, this exception also applies to the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) or any other Commission-approved intervenor. This section shall not prevent Company from providing information regarding Customer status when requested by law enforcement or emergency personnel acting in an official capacity or when customer-specific information is released by court order, subpoena, or other order or requirement issued by a duly constituted authority, or when release of such information is necessary to provide service. Company shall not be required to notify the Customer or obtain the customer's consent in these instances.

b. In line with CURB's recommendation, Black Hills shall notify currently

contracted third-party vendors to request the deletion of customer data and provide status updates to CURB and Staff.

12. Effective Date of Increase in Rates.

a. The Parties agree to request that the new rates approved by the Commission in this rate case become effective on or before August 1, 2025.

13. Miscellaneous Provisions.

a. Nothing in this Settlement is intended to impinge or restrict, in any manner, the exercise by the Commission of any statutory right, including the right of access to information, and any statutory obligation, including the obligation to ensure that Black Hills is providing efficient and sufficient service at just and reasonable rates.

b. The Parties, including Staff, shall have the right to present pre-filed testimony in support of this Settlement. Such testimony shall be filed formally in the docket and presented by witnesses at a hearing on this Settlement. Such testimony shall be filed on or before June 16, 2025, as required by the procedural schedule filed in this docket.

c. The Parties waive cross examination on all pre-filed testimony. The Parties agree that all such pre-filed testimony and exhibits may be incorporated into the record without objection. The Parties agree to waive the submission of post-hearing briefs.

d. This Settlement represents a negotiated settlement that fully resolves all of the issues in this docket among the Parties. The Parties represent that the terms of this Settlement constitute a fair and reasonable resolution of the issues addressed herein. Except as specified herein, the Parties shall not be prejudiced, bound by, or in any way affected by the terms of this Settlement (a) in any future proceeding; (b) in any proceeding currently pending under a separate docket; and/or (c) in this proceeding should the Commission decide not to approve

this Settlement in the instant proceeding. If the Commission accepts this Settlement in its entirety and incorporates the same into a final order without material modification, the Parties shall be bound by its terms and the Commission's order incorporating its terms as to all issues addressed herein and in accordance with the terms hereof, and will not appeal the Commission's order on these issues.

e. The provisions of this Settlement have resulted from negotiations among the Parties and are interdependent. In the event that the Commission does not approve and adopt the terms of this Settlement in total, the Settlement shall be voidable and no party hereto shall be bound, prejudiced, or in any way affected by any of the agreements or provisions hereof. Further, in such event, this Settlement shall be considered privileged and not admissible in evidence or made a part of the record in any proceeding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have executed and approved this Stipulated Settlement Agreement, effective as of the 13th day of June, 2025 by subscribing their signatures below.

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| ATTACHIVIENTA | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|----------------|----------|----|-----------|----|------------|----|------------|----|------------|------------|
| Base Rate Revenue with Proposed Rates and Staff's Billing Determinants | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Adjusted | Adjusted | | | | | Total | | Total | | Total | Customer |
| Customer | Number of | Customer Usage | Customer | V | olumetric | | Customer | ١ | /olumetric | | Base Rate | Class |
| Class | Bills | (Therms) | Charge | | Charge | | Charge | | Charge | | Revenue | Allocation |
| Residential | 1,271,636 | 68,116,135 | \$21.00 | \$ | 0.30960 | \$ | 26,704,356 | \$ | 21,088,755 | \$ | 47,793,111 | 65.63% |
| Small Commercial - Sales | 116,141 | 13,478,844 | \$32.00 | \$ | 0.30960 | \$ | 3,716,512 | \$ | 4,173,050 | \$ | 7,889,562 | 10.83% |
| Small Commercial - Transportation | 2,451 | 648,641 | \$32.00 | \$ | 0.30960 | \$ | 78,416 | \$ | 200,819 | \$ | 279,235 | 0.38% |
| Small Volume Firm | 15,414 | 14,235,932 | \$86.11 | \$ | 0.19056 | \$ | 1,327,300 | \$ | 2,712,799 | \$ | 4,040,099 | 5.55% |
| Small Volume Transportation | 5,503 | 6,860,171 | \$86.11 | \$ | 0.19056 | \$ | 473,820 | \$ | 1,307,274 | \$ | 1,781,095 | 2.45% |
| Large Volume Firm | 506 | 4,138,907 | \$518.72 | \$ | 0.08697 | \$ | 262,472 | \$ | 359,961 | \$ | 622,433 | 0.85% |
| Large Volume Transportation | 1,465 | 64,980,705 | \$518.72 | \$ | 0.08697 | \$ | 759,925 | \$ | 5,651,372 | \$ | 6,411,297 | 8.80% |
| Large Volume Interruptible | 181 | 2,411,351 | \$518.72 | \$ | 0.08697 | \$ | 93,888 | \$ | 209,715 | \$ | 303,604 | 0.42% |
| Subtotal | 1,413,296 | 174,870,686 | | | | \$ | 33,416,689 | \$ | 35,703,746 | \$ | 69,120,435 | |
| Irrigation Service | 15,837 | 30,208,670 | \$56.04 | \$ | 0.06862 | \$ | 887,505 | \$ | 2,072,919 | \$ | 2,960,424 | 4.07% |
| Irrigation Transportation | 4,069 | 7,432,105 | \$56.04 | \$ | 0.06862 | \$ | 228,027 | \$ | 509,991 | \$ | 738,018 | 1.01% |
| Total Sales and Transportation | 1,433,202 | 212,511,461 | | | | \$ | 34,532,221 | \$ | 38,496,371 | \$ | 72,818,878 | |

ATTACHMENT A

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| Heating Sensitivity Coefficients for the Weather Normalization Adjustment Rider | | | | | | | | | | |
| Weather Station | Rate Class | HDD | HDD-1 | Rate Class | HDD | HDD-1 | | | | |
| Concordia | RS-1 | - | 0.10040 | SC-1 | - | 0.16990 | | | | |
| Dodge City | | 0.04067 | 0.08170 | | 0.07346 | 0.20196 | | | | |
| Goodland | | 0.03287 | 0.06199 | | 0.02709 | 0.23697 | | | | |
| Topeka | | 0.02767 | 0.10234 | | 0.06310 | 0.23515 | | | | |
| Wichita | | 0.04426 | 0.09724 | | 0.10470 | 0.22340 | | | | |
| | _ | | | | | | | | | |
| Weather Station | Rate Class | HDD | HDD-1 | Rate Class | HDD | HDD-1 | | | | |
| Concordia | SVF | - | - | LVF | - | - | | | | |
| Dodge City | | 0.46956 | 1.17598 | | - | - | | | | |
| Goodland | | 0.14227 | 0.75778 | | - | - | | | | |
| Topeka | | 0.33517 | 1.33167 | | 1.64013 | 10.68318 | | | | |
| Wichita | | 0.67201 | 1.47508 | | 3.03544 | 19.29686 | | | | |

ATTACHMENT B