

THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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 for Gas System Reliability Surcharge per K.S.A. 66-2201 through 66-2204.)

Docket No. 12-BHCG-055-TAR

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by
State Corporation Commission
of Kansas

PETITION TO INTERVENE

COMES NOW, the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB") and moves the Corporation Commission of the State of the Kansas ("Commission") for an order permitting it to intervene in the above-captioned proceeding. In support of its petition, CURB states and alleges as follows:

1. CURB is composed of five volunteer consumer advocate members and is statutorily authorized to represent the interests of Kansas residential and small commercial ratepayers in utility proceedings.
2. CURB's Consumer Counsel has been given the discretion to intervene and represent the interests of Kansas residential and small commercial ratepayers in any utility proceeding before the Commission under K.S.A. 66-1223 et seq.
3. On July 15, 2011, Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy filed an application with the Kansas Corporation Commission for Approval for Gas System Reliability Surcharge per K.S.A. 66-2201 through 66-2204.
4. CURB is requesting permission to intervene in this docket to represent the interests of the residential and small commercial ratepayers of Kansas. The rates paid and the service received by those customers will or may be affected by any Commission order or activity in this proceeding.

5. In addition to undersigned counsel, please include the following CURB representatives with all electronic notices, pleadings, and correspondence regarding this Application as follows:

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6. The representation of CURB's interests in this proceeding by existing parties is or may be inadequate.

7. The residential and small commercial ratepayers whose interests CURB represents will or may be bound by any Commission order or activity in this proceeding and will or may be adversely affected thereby.

WHEREFORE, CURB RESPECTFULLY REQUESTS THE Commission grant its Petition for Intervention in this Docket.

Respectfully submitted,



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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS)
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COUNTY OF SHAWNEE)

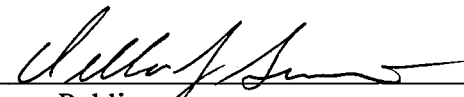
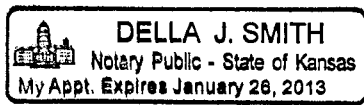
I, Niki Christopher, of lawful age, being first duly sworn upon her oath states:

That she is an attorney for the above named petitioner; that she has read the above and foregoing Intervention, and, upon information and belief, states that the matters therein appearing are true and correct.



Niki Christopher

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27th day of July, 2011.


Notary Public

My Commission expires: 01-26-2013.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

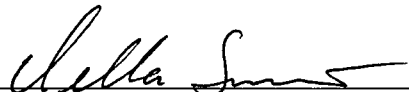
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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was placed in the United States mail, postage prepaid, or hand-delivered this 27th day of July, 2011, to the following:

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