BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills") Gas Hedge Program

Docket No. 05-AQLG-616-HED

NOTIFICATION

Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills"), files the following notification in the above captioned docket pursuant to the Order issued by the Kansas Corporation Commission ("Commission") dated August 20, 2015 ("Order").

1. Black Hills has notified the Commission Staff ("Staff") and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB") that it has determined the gas utility has received sufficient contributions from its customers to fund its Gas Hedge Program ("Program") for the 2017-2018 winter period and proposes to discontinue charging its customers the monthly charge under the Program for the month of October 2017. Staff and CURB have approved said proposal.

2. Pursuant to the Commission's Order, Black Hills is submitting this Notification identifying Staff and CURB's concurrence with Black Hills' proposal to discontinue the monthly hedging charge for the month of October 2017.

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being duly sworn upon oath, deposes and says that he is attorney for Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, that he has read the above and foregoing Notification, and the statements contained therein are true.

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 4th day of October, 2017.

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas RONDA ROSSMAN My Appt. Exp. 5/25/2018

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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 4th day of October, 2017, addressed to:

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