

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

Before the Commissioners: Shari Feist Albrecht, Chari
Jay Scott Emler
Dwight D. Keen

In the Matter of the Application of Black)
Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a)
Black Hills Energy to Eliminate the Naming of its) Docket No. 19-BHCG-065-TAR
Electronic Bulletin Board.)

SUSPENSION ORDER: April 10, 2019

The above-captioned matter comes before the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas (“Commission”) for consideration and decision. Having reviewed its files and records, and being duly advised in the premises, the Commission makes the following findings and conclusions:

I. BACKGROUND

1. On August 13, 2018, Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“Black Hills”) filed an Application with the Commission requesting approval to eliminate any reference of “Gas Track Online” or “GTO” from the tariff and replace the term with a more generic “Electronic Bulletin Board” (EBB).¹ Black Hills states the current GTO system has reached the end of its useful life and is in the process of upgrading to a new system.²

II. SUSPENSION ORDER

2. K.S.A. 66-117(c) states in part:

The Commission shall not delay the effective date of the proposed change in rate joint rate, toll, charge or classification or schedule of charges, or in any rule or regulation or practice pertaining to the service or rates of any such public utility or common carrier, more than 240 days beyond the date the public utility or common carrier filed its application requesting the proposed change. If the commission does

¹ Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy Application for approval to Eliminate the Naming of its Electronic Bulletin Board (Aug. 13, 2018) (Application) at 2.

² *Id.*

not suspend the proposed schedule within 30 days of the date the same is filed by the public utility or common carrier, such proposed schedule shall be deemed approved by the commission and shall take effect on the proposed effective date.

3. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing is deemed necessary and proper. Absent suspension, the Commission and its Staff are without sufficient time to fully review, consider, and analyze whether the Application should be approved.

4. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the effectiveness of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The effectiveness of the Application is hereby suspended for a period of 240 days from the date it was filed, Monday, August 13, 2018, to Wednesday, April 10, 2019, pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c). A Commission decision may be issued before such date.

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c), the Application in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended, and the effective date deferred, until Wednesday, April 10, 2019. The Commission may issue a decision before such date.

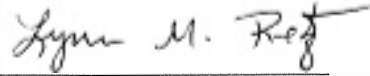
B. Any party may file and serve a petition for reconsideration pursuant to the requirements and time limits established in K.S.A. 77-529(a)(1).

C. The Commission retains jurisdiction over the subject matter and parties for the purpose of entering such further orders, as necessary.

BY THE COMMISSION IT SO ORDERED.

Albrecht, Chair; Emler, Commissioner; Keen, Commissioner

Dated: 08/21/2018

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lynn M. Retz", written in dark ink.

Lynn M. Retz
Secretary to the Commission

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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I, the undersigned, certify that the true copy of the attached Order has been served to the following parties by means of

first class mail/hand delivered on 08/22/2018.

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