

BEFORE 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 a CERTIFICATE of )  
CONVENIENCE and AUTHORITY to transact )  
the business of a natural gas public utility in the )  
State of Kansas. )

Docket No. 15-BHCG- 458 -COC

Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 38 )  
West, Stevens County, Kansas. )

(Here describe the territory very briefly, as county, city, section, etc.)

**APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE**

Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills" or "Applicant"), hereby presents and shows to the Commission:

That Applicant is a corporation and as such intends to engage in the business of a natural gas public utility in the State of Kansas, thereby promoting the public convenience in the following described territory in said state, to-wit:

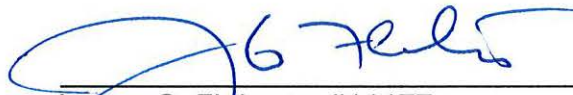
Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 38 West, Stevens  
County, Kansas.

A map of the territory for which the Certificate of Convenience and Authority is requested is attached as Exhibit "A".

Black Hills has been approached by a potential customer for irrigation service in said territory. Midwest Energy has indicated they have no plans to serve customers in this area and are not opposed to Black Hills serving the customer. However, at the present time, Midwest Energy will not be filing an Application to Cease operations in Section 27, Township 33 South, Range 38 West, Stevens County, Kansas.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that a Certificate of Convenience and Authority


be issued granting the right to transact the business of a natural gas public utility to Black Hills in the above-described territory.



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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 of the within named applicant, that he has read the above and foregoing application and the statements contained therein are true.

  
James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2015.

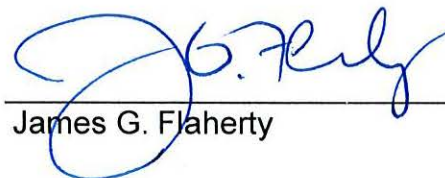


Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was sent by electronic mail, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 2015, addressed to: Bob Muirhead, Midwest Energy, Inc., Dir. Econ. Development, [bmuirhead@mwenergy.com](mailto:bmuirhead@mwenergy.com).

  
James G. Flaherty

## Exhibit A



Section 27  
Township 33 South,  
Range 38 West,  
Stevens County