

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- 596 -COC

Sections 7, 17 and 18, Township 25 South, Range )  
32 West, Finney 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:

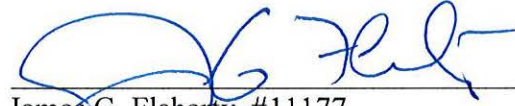
Sections 7, 17 and 18, Township 25 South, Range 32 West,  
Finney County, Kansas

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

That an irrigation customer, who currently uses natural gas from a local gas well to fuel  
four engines, has requested natural gas service from Applicant.

The territory described is currently within Midwest Energy's service territory. Midwest  
Energy has agreed to relinquish the territory, allowing Black Hills to serve the customer.  
Concurrent with the Application for Certificate, Midwest Energy is filing an Application to cease  
operations in said territories described above.

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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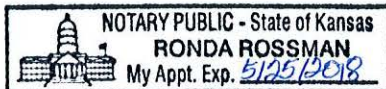
STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

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 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.



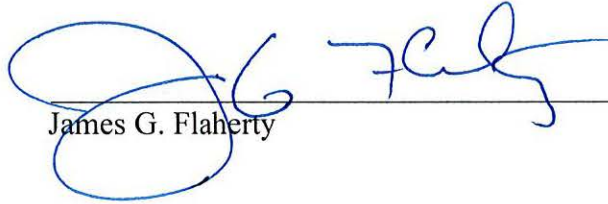
Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

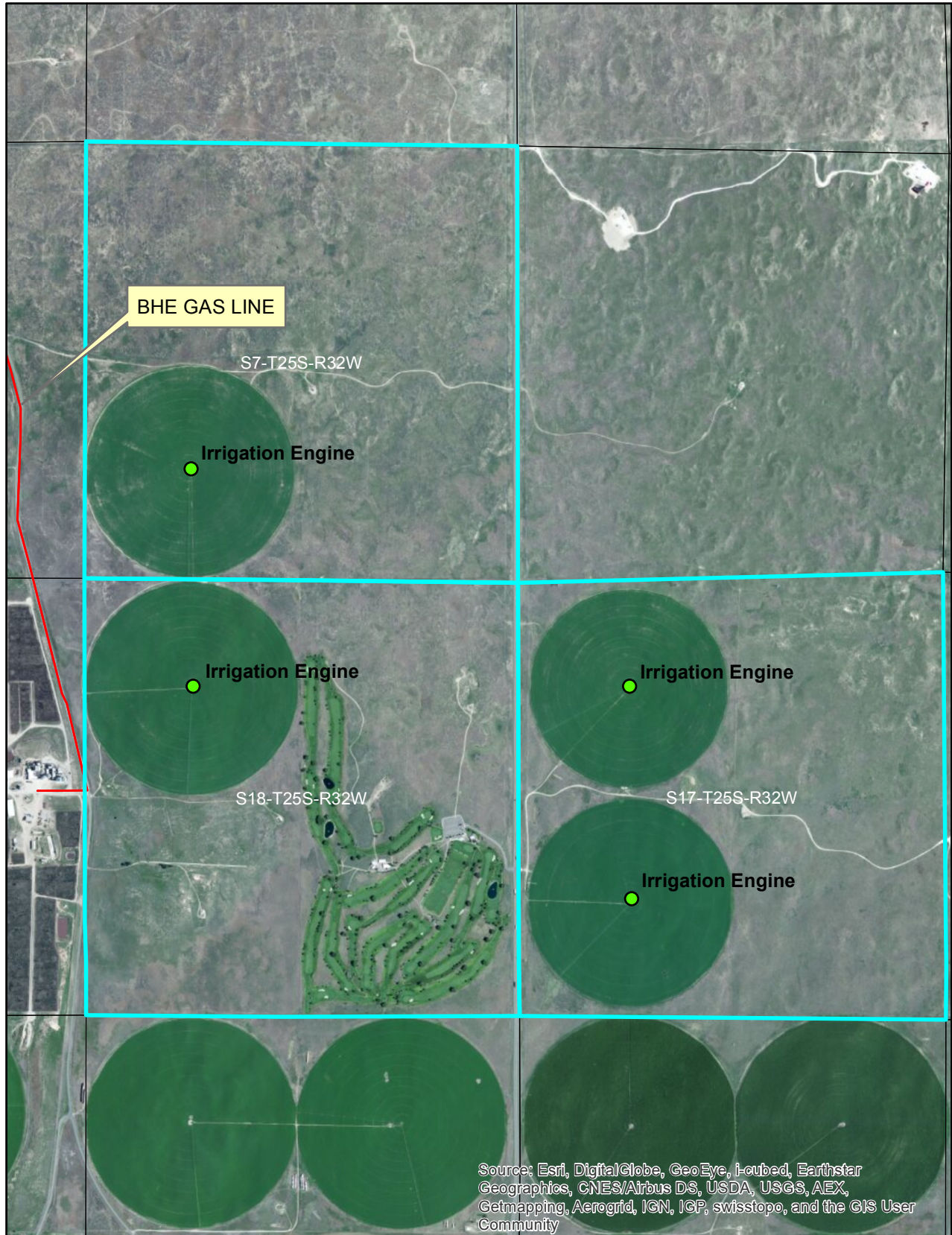
I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing Application for Certificate was mailed, postage prepaid, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015, addressed to:

Susan B. Cunningham  
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Finney County, Kansas