

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

Before Commissioners: Thomas E. Wright, Chairman
Joseph F. Harkins

In the Matter of the Application of Black)
Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a)
Black Hills Energy for Approval to Implement)
Black Hills Energy's Five-Year Energy)
Efficiency Plan Consisting of Natural Gas)
Energy Efficiency Programs to Improve)
Building and Equipment Efficiency and to)
Educate About Efficient Energy Usage, To)
Provide for Program Cost Recovery through a)
Rider Mechanism, Permit the Implementation)
Of a Revenue Normalization Mechanism to)
Replace the Weather Normalization)
Adjustment, A Performance Incentive)
Mechanism, And Appropriate Accounting)
Authority to Defer Expenses and Revenues)
Associated with the Filing.)

Docket No: 10-BHCG-639-TAR

SUSPENSION ORDER

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

1. On March 31, 2010, Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills Energy) filed an Application with the Commission seeking approval to implement its five-year energy-efficiency plan consisting of natural gas energy-efficiency programs to improve building and equipment efficiency and to educate about efficient energy usage, to provide for program cost recovery through a rider mechanism, permit the implementation of a revenue normalization mechanism to replace the weather normalization adjustment, a performance incentive mechanism, and appropriate accounting authority to defer expenses and revenues associated with the filing.

2. A full investigation of the Application, which may result in a hearing, is deemed necessary and proper. Commission Staff is without sufficient time to fully review, consider and analyze whether the proposed revisions are just and reasonable.

3. The Commission finds and concludes that suspension of the Application and deferral of its effective date are required to allow sufficient time for full investigation of this matter. The Application should be suspended for a period of 240 days from the date the Application was made, March 31, 2010, until Friday, November 26, 2010. However, given the 240-day suspension period falls on a State holiday, the deadline for the Commission Order in this matter is Monday, November 29, 2010. K.S.A. 66-117(c); K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 77-503(c).

IT IS, THEREFORE, BY THE COMMISSION ORDERED THAT:

A. Pursuant to K.S.A. 66-117(c) and K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 77-503(c), the Application of Black Hills Energy in the above-captioned docket shall be suspended and the effective date deferred until November 29, 2010.

B. The parties have 15 days, plus three days if service of this Order is by mail, from the date of service of this Order in which to request rehearing on any matter decided herein. K.S.A. 66-118b; K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 77-529(a)(1).

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

BY THE COMMISSION IT IS SO ORDERED.

Wright, Chairman; Harkins, Commissioner

Dated: APR 07 2010


Susan K. Duffy
Executive Director

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ORDER MAILED APR 08 2010