

BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

JAN 18 2013

In the Matter of the Application of Black)
Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a)
Black Hills Energy, for Approval of the)
Commission for Gas System Reliability)
Surcharge per K.S.A. 66-2201 through 66-2204)

by
State Corporation Commission
of Kansas

Docket No. 13-BHCG-404-TAR

JOINT MOTION FOR PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

The Staff of the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas ("Staff"), Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills"), and the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board ("CURB") (collectively, "the Parties"), by and through their counsel, file this joint motion requesting the Commission adopt the procedural schedule negotiated and agreed upon by the Parties in this matter. In support of the Motion, the Parties state as follows:

1. On December 12, 2012, Black Hills filed an Application for approval of a new tariff schedule, Gas System Reliability Surcharge, which is designed to allow for the adjustment of Black Hills' rates and charges to provide for the recovery of costs for eligible infrastructure system replacement.¹

2. All of the parties in this docket have reached an agreement on the following proposed procedural schedule that is in accordance with the statutory deadlines set forth in K.S.A. 2011 Supp. 66-2204:

DATE	TIME	ACTION
February 7, 2013	3:00 p.m.	Staff Report and Recommendation Due
February 15, 2013	3:00 p.m.	Black Hills and CURB Responses

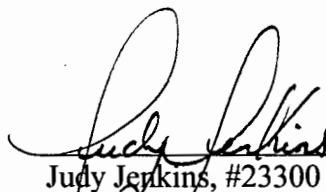
¹Docket No. 13-BHCG-404-TAR, Application (Dec. 12, 2012), p. 1.

February 22, 2013	3:00 p.m.	Staff Reply Comments to Black Hills and CURB; and between Black Hills and CURB (no new issues)
February 27, 2013	9:00 a.m.	Settlement Conference
March 7, 2013		Settlement Agreement with Testimony due, if necessary; motions cut-off/list of contested issues
March 8, 2013	10:00 a.m.	Prehearing Conference; First Floor Hearing Room
March 18, 2013	1:30 p.m.	Hearing or Oral Argument (if necessary); First Floor Hearing Room
April 12, 2013		Commission Order

3. The Parties have further agreed to the use of electronic service for pleadings, data requests and Orders and waive receipt of a follow-up hard copy.

4. The Parties have attached hereto a proposed Order approving this Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule.

WHEREFORE, the Parties respectfully request the State Corporation Commission of the State of Kansas grant this Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule and issue an order adopting the proposed procedural schedule and approving the use of electronic service for pleadings, data requests and Orders.

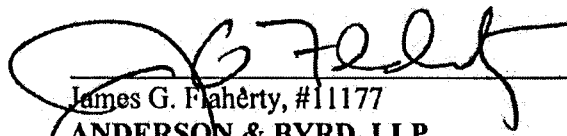


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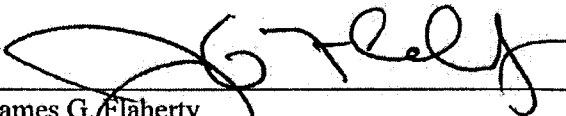
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)ss:
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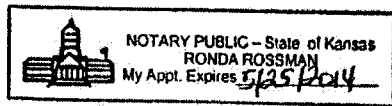
James G. Flaherty, of lawful age, being first duly sworn on oath, states:


That he is the attorney for Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, named in the foregoing Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule, and is duly authorized to make this affidavit; that he has read the foregoing Joint Motion, and knows the contents thereof; and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 18 day of January, 2013.





Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Joint Motion for Procedural Schedule was served by electronic service on this 18th day of January, 2013, to the following parties who have waived receipt of follow-up hard copies.

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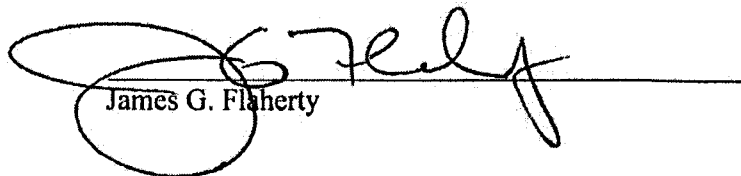
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