BEFORE THE STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF KANSAS

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In the Matter of Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility)	of Kansas
Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy)	Docket No. 05-AQLG-616-HED
("Black Hills") Gas Hedge Program)	

MOTION

Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills" or "Applicant"), files this Motion requesting permission from the Commission to allow Black Hills to discontinue charging its customers the monthly charge under its Gas Hedge Program through the remainder of the recovery period for the 2013-2014 heating season (August, September and October 2013).

- 1. Pursuant to the Commission's Order dated April 14, 2005, Black Hills recovers its Gas Hedge Program costs from all of its sales customers (except irrigation customers) on a volumetric basis through a separate line item on Applicant's monthly PGA filings during the months of April through October. Black Hills has determined the amount collected through July 31, 2013, will be sufficient to cover the cost of its Gas Hedge Program for the winter of 2013-2014. Black Hills, therefore, requests permission to discontinue charging its customers the monthly gas hedge charge for the months of August, September and October 2013.
- 2. Black Hills' revised costs for its Gas Hedge Program for the 2013-2014 winter is estimated at between \$800,000 to \$1,000,000. As of May 31, 2013, Black Hills has collected approximately \$1.3 million. Therefore, Black Hills has a sufficient amount to cover the cost of its Gas Hedge Program for the upcoming winter period.
- 3. Black Hills has discussed its request to discontinue charging its customers the gas hedge charge for the remaining three months (August 1, 2013, through October 31, 2013) with Staff,

and Staff has indicated it has no objection to the request being made by Black Hills.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests an order from the Commission allowing Black Hills to discontinue charging its customers the monthly charge under its Gas Hedge Program effective with the August 1, 2013, billing through the end of the recovery period (October 31, 2013).

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VERIFICATION

STATE OF KANSAS, COUNTY OF FRANKLIN, ss:

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 ("Black Hills"), named in the foregoing Motion, and is duly authorized to make this affidavit; that he has read the foregoing Motion, and knows the contents thereof; and that the facts set forth therein are true and correct.

James G. Flaherty

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 23th day of June, 2013.

NOTARY PUBLIC - State of Kansas
RONDA ROSSMAN
My Appt. Exp. 5/35/20 N

Notary Public

Appointment/Commission Expires:

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the above and foregoing was mailed, postage prepaid, this 25th day of June, 2013, addressed to:

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Ms. Jackie Montfoort Paige Acting Executive Director Kansas Corporation Commission 1500 S. W. Arrowhead Road Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027

Re:

Black Hills Energy

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Received on

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by State Corporation Commission of Kansas

Dear Ms. Paige:

Please file the enclosed Motion on behalf of Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, in the above captioned matter. I would appreciate receiving a file stamped copy of this cover letter as well as a file stamped copy of the Motion for my files. A return envelope is included.

Thank you for your assistance. If you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,

James G. Flaherty

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