

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 Approval of the Commission for Gas System Reliability Surcharge per K.S.A. 66-2201 through 66-2204. )  
) Docket No. 14-BHCG-593-TAR  
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**CURB's Response to the Report and Recommendation of the Commission Staff**

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) files its response below to the *Report and Recommendation* of the Staff of the Kansas Corporation Commission (Staff), which was filed in the above-captioned docket on February 19, 2015, and corrected by an errata filing on February 26, 2015<sup>1</sup>:

1. Upon review of the Application of Black Hills/Kansas Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy for approval of its annual Gas Service and Reliability Surcharge (GSRS) true-up, the Commission Staff recommends that the Commission approve a refund to customers of \$51,353. The refund is to be reflected as a monthly credit of 4 cents on customer bills over a twelve-month period following the Commission's order.

2. CURB has reviewed Black Hills Energy's Application and Staff's *Report and Recommendation*. CURB concurs with Staff's conclusions and recommendations to the Commission.

3. CURB therefore recommends that the Commission approve Staff's recommended refund of \$51,353 to Black Hills Energy customers, as well as Staff's recommendation to distribute

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<sup>1</sup> *Errata to Notice of Filing of Staff's Report and Recommendation and to Staff's Report and Recommendation*, Feb. 26, 2015 (clarifying that the recommended refund is to be distributed to customers in the twelve months following the Commission's order, not the twelve months preceding the order).

the refund through the GSRS surcharge as a monthly credit of 4 cents on customer bills over a twelve-month period following the Commission's order.

Respectfully submitted,



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**VERIFICATION**

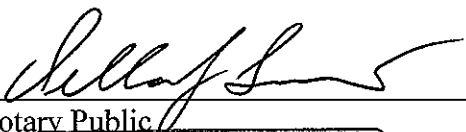
STATE OF KANSAS )  
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COUNTY OF SHAWNEE ) ss:

I, Niki Christopher, of lawful age and being first duly sworn upon my oath, state that I am an attorney for the Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board; that I have read and am familiar with the above and foregoing document and attest that the statements therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

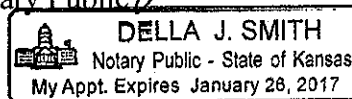


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Niki Christopher

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015.



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Notary Public



My Commission expires: 01-26-2017.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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I, the undersigned, hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing document was served by electronic service on this 27<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2015, to the following:

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