BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Joint Application of Aquila Inc. D/B/A Aquila Networks, Kansas City, Missouri; Black Hills Corporation, and Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC, both of Rapid City, South Dakota, seeking approval of the proposed transfer of Aquila's Certificate of Convenience and for a Change of Control of Aquila's Nebraska jurisdictional assets.	)	Application No. NG-0044 ASSESSMENT ORDER NO. HS-006 Entered: September 11, 2007

BY THE COMMISSION:

The Commission has received an invoice dated August 1, 2007, from Harding & Shultz (HS) for costs associated with the above-captioned docket, totaling $10,465.40. Commission staff has reviewed the invoice and found it to conform to the Agreement for the Base Public Advocate Services dated November 15, 2004, subsequently amended, between the Commission and Harding & Shultz, as well as a Memorandum of Understanding dated May 11, 2007. Commission staff recommends the Commission approve assessment of the expenses reflected on the invoice from Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks (Aquila), pursuant to *Neb. Rev. Stat.* sec. 66-1840.

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

Upon the recommendation of the Commission staff, the Commission finds that assessment from Aquila of the expenses reflected in the above-mentioned invoice from Harding & Shultz should be approved. The Commission further finds that the Commission should pay the invoice upon receipt of payment by Aquila.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Commission that the above-mentioned assessment is approved and hereby made and that payment of the above-mentioned amount be made upon receipt of payment by Aquila, Inc.

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MADE AND ENTERED at Lincoln, Nebraska, this 11th day of September, 2007.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy Director

//s// Rod Johnson
//s// Frank E. Landis

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