

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT )  
APPLICATION OF SOURCEGAS )  
DISTRIBUTION LLC, SOURCEGAS LLC, )  
SOURCEGAS HOLDINGS LLC, AND )  
BLACKHILLS UTILITY HOLDINGS, INC. )  
FOR ALL NECESSARY )  
AUTHORIZATIONS AND APPROVALS )  
FOR BLACK HILLS UTILITY HOLDINGS, )  
INC. TO ACQUIRE SOURCEGAS )  
HOLDINGS LLC )

Application No. NG-0084

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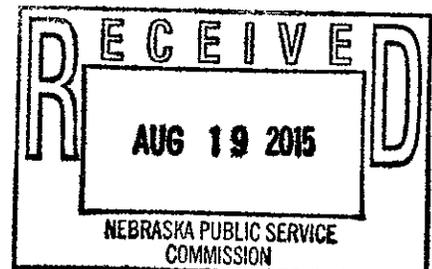
PETITION OF FORMAL INTERVENTION

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Pursuant to Neb. Admin. Code Title 291, Chpt. 1, §015.01, the Nebraska Public Advocate hereby petitions the Nebraska Public Service Commission to allow him to formally intervene in the above-captioned matter and to become a party hereto for all purposes as regards the joint application of SourceGas Distribution, LLC, SourceGas LLC, SourceGas Holdings LLC, and Black Hills Utility Holdings, Inc. (the "Joint Applicant") seeking an order approving the sale of SourceGas Holdings to BHUH, issuing any other Commission procedural or regulatory approvals necessary or appropriate, and permitting an appropriate regulatory asset account to be established for Black Hills Gas Distribution LLC dba Black Hills Energy for the tracking of transition costs for potential recovery in a future proceeding. In support of his petition to formally intervene, the Nebraska Public Advocate states as follows:

1. Correspondence or communications regarding this petition, including service of all notices and orders of the Nebraska Public Service Commission should be addressed to:

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2. The interest of intervener is predicated upon his statutory duty as Public Advocate to represent the interests of Nebraska citizens and all classes of jurisdictional utility ratepayers, other than high volume ratepayers, in matters involving jurisdictional utilities and to investigate the legality and reasonableness of rates, charges, and practices of jurisdictional utilities. The grounds upon which the intervention is made include, but are not limited to, the nature of the joint application filed by the Joint Applicants for approval of such sale as falling within the statutory responsibilities of the Public Advocate to represent the interest of Nebraska citizens and all calls of jurisdictional utility rate payers and the need for the Public Advocate to participate fully in these proceedings. This statutory duty cannot be performed adequately by any other party to this proceeding.

3. The Joint Applicants have proposed, on page 4 of the Application a proposed procedural schedule to which the undersigned objects, in part, and hereby proposes an alternative procedural schedule as follows:

• Joint Application Filed	August 10, 2015
• Commission Notice of Application Issued	August 13, 2015
• Protective Order Issued	August 18, 2015
• Planning Conference Notice and Meeting	August 26, 2015
• Commission Planning Order Issued	September 8, 2015
• Intervention Deadline	September 15, 2015
• Discovery by Public Advocate/Formal Intervenors [Responses are due within ten days of receipt of data request]	August 18 – <b>October 28 2015</b>
• Informal Settlement Conference	<b>October 28, 2015</b>
• Testimony of Public Advocate and Intervenors Filed	<b>November 6, 2015</b>
• Discovery by Joint Applicants	<b>November 6, 2015 – December 16, 2015</b>

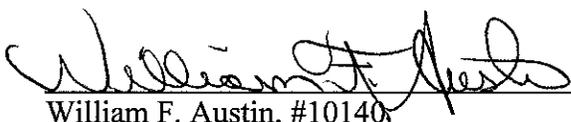
• Rebuttal Testimony of Joint Applicants	<b>December 16, 2015</b>
• Formal Settlement Conference	<b>December 21-22, 2015</b>
• Filing of Hearing Exhibits/List of Issues/Settlements	<b>January 6, 2016</b>
• Pre-Hearing Conference	<b>January 11, 2016</b>
• Hearing	<b>January 13-15 2016</b>
• Post-Hearing Briefs, if any	<b>January 29, 2016</b>
• Commission Order Issued	<b>March 15, 2016</b>

WHEREFORE, the Nebraska Public Advocate hereby respectfully requests the Commission, for the reasons described above, to grant his petition to formally intervene and hold a hearing on the Application.

DATED this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the above and foregoing Petition of Formal Intervention was served electronically on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2015, upon the following:

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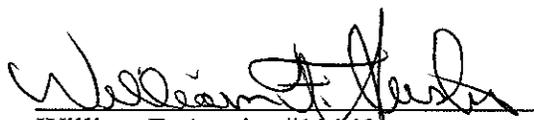
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