

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

<p>IN RE:</p> <p>BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UTILITY COMPANY, LLC d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. RPU-2010-0002</p>
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**ORDER CANCELING HEARING DATE**

(Issued November 23, 2010)

On July 7, 2010, the Utilities Board (Board) issued an order docketing the application filed by Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills Energy), for a general increase in natural gas rates for Iowa customers. In the docketing order, the Board established a procedural schedule and scheduled a hearing for December 13, 2010. On August 20, 2010, Black Hills Energy, the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of Justice (Consumer Advocate), and Constellation New Energy-Gas Division, LLC, filed a unanimous settlement agreement proposing to resolve all issues in this case. Also on August 20, 2010, Consumer Advocate and Black Hills Energy filed a joint motion for suspension of the procedural schedule established by the Board in the July 7, 2010, order.

On September 1, 2010, the Board issued an order suspending the procedural schedule in this docket. The Board suspended the procedural schedule to allow time to consider the proposed settlement. In the September 1, 2010, order, the Board

stated that it was not canceling the hearing date set for December 13, 2010, pending a review of the proposed settlement.

On September 16, 2010, the Board issued an order scheduling a hearing to address the settlement agreement. On October 12, 2010, the Board held the hearing on the proposed settlement as scheduled. On October 18, 2010, the Board issued an order allowing Black Hills Energy to file a post-hearing brief. On October 26, 2010, Black Hills Energy filed its post-hearing brief.

Since the Board is reviewing the settlement agreement and will render a decision once that review is complete, there is no longer a need to retain the original hearing date of December 13, 2010. The Board will cancel the December 13, 2010, hearing date in this order.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:**

The December 13, 2010, hearing date established in the order issued July 7, 2010, is canceled.

**UTILITIES BOARD**

/s/ Robert B. Berntsen

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Joan Conrad  
Executive Secretary

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of November 2010.