

STATE OF IOWA  
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
UTILITIES BOARD

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**IN RE:**

**BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UTILITY  
COMPANY, LLC d/b/a BLACK HILLS  
ENERGY**

**DOCKET NOS. SPU-2015-0039  
TF-2015-0352**

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**MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND APPLICATION**

Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("***Black Hills Energy***"), for its motion for leave to amend its application in this proceeding pursuant to 199 IAC 7.9(3), states:

1. On November 24, 2015, Black Hills Energy filed with the Iowa Utilities Board ("***Board***") an application for approval of a proposed tariff establishing minimum safety standards for farm taps as a condition of service. On December 12, 2015, the Board issued an order docketing the application and suspending the proposed tariff. On January 22, 2016, Black Hills Energy filed a proposed customer notice letter as required by the order issued on December 12, 2015, and on February 4, 2016, the OCA submitted a response to the proposed customer notice letter.

2. Black Hills Energy conducted three customer focus group meetings – on February 11, 2016, in Webster City, Iowa; on March 1, 2016, in Waukee, Iowa; and on March 3, 2016, in Dike, Iowa – for the purpose of allowing customers to comment on Black Hills Energy's proposal. Representatives of the OCA and Board Staff attended and participated in the customer

focus group meetings. On March 8, 2016, pursuant to an order issued by the Board on February 22, 2016, Black Hills Energy, Board staff, the OCA and intervenor Northern Natural Gas attended and participated in a workshop at the Board. Subsequently, Black Hills Energy representatives met with the OCA to discuss the issues raised at the customer focus group meetings and during the workshop.

3. Based on the input it has received from parties and customers during the course of the informal proceedings described in ¶ 2 above, Black Hills believes it is appropriate at this time to submit an amendment to its original application that proposing a range of outcomes that are acceptable to Black Hills Energy and from which the Board can select the solutions the Board deems appropriate.

4. Amendments to pleadings in a contested case proceeding before the Board are allowed upon proper motion at any time during the pendency of the proceeding upon such terms as are just and reasonable. 199 IAC 7.9(3).

5. Amendment of Black Hills Energy's original application at this time is just and reasonable because a procedural schedule has not yet been established and there has been no activity in the proceeding since docketing other than informal meetings and workshops.

6. In addition, amendment of Black Hills Energy's original application at this time for the purpose of allowing Black Hills Energy to present an amended proposal to the Board that reflects the input Black Hills Energy has received from parties and customers as described in ¶ 2 above will promote administrative convenience and efficiency.

WHEREFORE, Black Hills Energy respectfully requests that the Board grant this motion for leave to amend the original application filed by Black Hills Energy on November 24, 2015, and to accept for filing the attached amendment to the original application.

Dated April 25, 2016.

Respectfully submitted,

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