

**STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES DIVISION
BEFORE THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD**

IN RE: BLACK HILLS/IOWA GAS UTILITY COMPANY, LLC D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY	DOCKET NO. RPU-2010-0002
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MOTION FOR PERMISSION TO FILE POST-HEARING BRIEF

Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills Energy") hereby requests permission to file a short post-hearing brief in the above-referenced matter, to be filed on the same date that Black Hills Energy's post-hearing exhibits are due. In support of this motion, Black Hills Energy states:

1. On October 12, 2010, a hearing was held on the proposed settlement agreement between Black Hills Energy and the Office of Consumer Advocate ("OCA"). At the hearing, Black Hills Energy was ordered to file certain post-hearing exhibits within two weeks of the hearing date, or by October 26, 2010.

3. At the October 12 hearing, Black Hills Energy indicated that it would not need to file a post-hearing brief. However, upon further consideration, Black Hills Energy has decided that it wishes to submit a short brief of approximately five pages or less. The OCA has authorized the undersigned to state that the OCA does not have an objection to this motion.

4. Black Hills Energy proposes that it file this short brief by the same deadline for its post-hearing exhibits, which is October 26, 2010.

WHEREFORE, Black Hills Energy respectfully requests permission to file a short

post-hearing brief and that such brief be due on October 26, 2010.

Dated October 14, 2010.

Respectfully Submitted,

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