

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 (f/k/a AQUILA, INC., d/b/a AQUILA NETWORKS)</p>	<p>DOCKET NO. EEP-08-3</p>
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS

(Issued July 30, 2008)

On July 18, 2008, the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in Docket No. EEP-08-3, which deals with the proposed new energy efficiency plan for Aquila, Inc., d/b/a Aquila Networks, n/k/a Black Hills/Iowa Gas Utility Company, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills Energy). On July 18, 2008, the Iowa Department of Public Safety (DPS) also filed a petition to intervene in the docket. No objections to the petitions to intervene were filed.

In support of its petition, NRDC states that it is a non-profit organization with over 1.2 million members and online activists nationwide, including over 8,000 in Iowa. The NRDC notes it has a longstanding interest in promoting energy efficiency and demand-side resources and intends to submit testimony on the benefits of energy efficiency and demand-side resources.

In support of its petition, DPS states that in its capacity as Iowa State Building Code Commissioner it is charged with the adoption and enforcement of energy conservation standards. DPS notes that funding for training of state and local code officials is not adequate and asks that funds from the energy efficiency plan be designated for such training.

The petitions to intervene will be granted. NRDC and DPS have each demonstrated a unique interest in this docket that should be represented.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition to intervene filed by the National Resources Defense Council on July 18, 2008, is granted.

2. The petition to intervene filed by the Iowa Department of Public Safety on July 18, 2008, is granted.

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/s/ John R. Norris

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 30th day of July, 2008.