

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. RPU-08-3</p>
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ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTIONS

(Issued July 31, 2008)

On June 2, 2008, 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), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a proposed gas tariff pursuant to Iowa Code chapter 476 (2007) designed to increase Iowa gas rates to produce a permanent annual revenue increase of approximately \$13,560,000, or an overall annual revenue increase of 7.63 percent. The tariff has been identified as TF-08-83. On June 30, 2008, the Board issued an order docketing TF-08-83 and establishing a procedural schedule and a hearing date in Docket No. RPU-08-3 to consider the proposed general rate increase.

On July 2, 2008, Cornerstone Energy, LLC, d/b/a Constellation New Energy Gas Division (Cornerstone), filed a petition to intervene in this docket. Cornerstone indicates that it is a competitive natural gas provider in Iowa and provides natural gas commodity and energy related services to commercial and industrial end-users

throughout the Mid-Continent United States. Cornerstone states that it has a vital interest in the subject matter of this docket and will clearly be affected by the resolution of the issues.

On July 16, 2008, MidAmerican Energy Company (MidAmerican) filed an application to intervene. MidAmerican states that it is a rate-regulated natural gas utility in Iowa and has an interest in proposals affecting natural gas policy made by Black Hills Energy in this rate case. Specifically, MidAmerican indicates it is interested in proposed use of the hinge-fit weather normals and the capital additions tracker. MidAmerican requests intervention to participate in the development of regulatory policy in this docket.

On July 16, 2008, the National Resources Defense Council (NRDC) filed a petition to intervene in this docket. NRDC states that it is a non-profit membership organization with 1.2 million members and online activists nationwide. The membership includes 217,500 members and activists in eight Midwestern states and includes 8,709 members and activists in Iowa. NRDC states that it has a longstanding interest and expertise in promoting energy efficiency and other demand-side resources as viable and cost-effective resources to strengthen energy reliability, create economic benefits, and improve the environment. NRDC states that its interests are separate and unique from those represented by the Consumer Advocate Division of the Department of the Justice, which represents the general

public. NRDC indicates that it will file prepared testimony and participate in the hearings, if it is granted intervention.

The Board finds that Cornerstone, MidAmerican, and NRDC have met the requirements of the Board's rules related to intervention in 199 IAC 7.13 and will grant intervention to those entities in this docket.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition to intervene filed by Cornerstone Energy, LLC, d/b/a Constellation New Energy Gas Division on July 2, 2008, is granted.
2. The application to intervene filed by MidAmerican Energy Company on July 16, 2008, is granted.
3. The petition to intervene filed by the National Resources Defense Council on July 16, 2008, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ John R. Norris

/s/ Krista K. Tanner

ATTEST:

/s/ Margaret Munson
Executive Secretary, Deputy

/s/ Darrell Hanson

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 31st day of July, 2008.