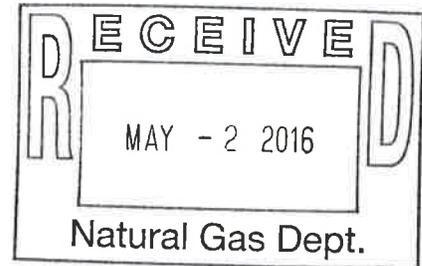




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April 29, 2016

Mr. Jeffrey L. Pursley, Executive Director  
Nebraska Public Service Commission  
P.O. Box 94927  
Lincoln, NE 68509



Dear Mr. Pursley:

Pursuant to the Nebraska Public Service Commission Rules and Regulations, Title 291, Chapter 9, Section 006, effective November 30, 2003, Black Hills Energy, hereby submits, respectively, their Annual Reports for the period ended 1/01-12/31/2015. The Rules state that this information must be filed on or before April 30, 2016.

Rules 013 deals with assessment-related reports, namely an Annual Report (Section 013.01 A), a statement of Net Revenues (Section 013.01B), and a statement of the number of Meters Served (Section 013.01C). Black Hills Energy has enclosed the information required in Sections 013.01A, 013.01B, and 013.013C, so that the PSC can properly make its cost assessments.

Black Hills Energy's net revenue, as defined by gross operating revenue less gas cost, for the period 1/01-12/31/2015 was \$64,618,443 as reported in the enclosed Annual Report, page 301.1, Line 11, column (b) less (c). Black Hills Energy's meter count for 1/01-12/31/2015 was 197,026 as reported in the Annual Report, page 301.1, Line 11, column (d).

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, please feel free to call me at (402) 221-2047.

Sincerely,

Richard G. Petersen  
Director, Regulatory

cc: Jeff Sylvester                      Jason Bennett  
     Doug Law                              Ann Stichler  
     Robert Amdor                        Pam Ferguson