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June 28, 2024

Mr. Thomas Golden Executive Director Nebraska Public Service Commission 1200 N Street, Suite 300 Lincoln, NE 68508

RE: NG-111.1 and NG-111.3 February 2021 Cold Weather Event

Dear Mr. Golden:

Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills Energy" or the "Company") herewith submits for filing with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") the original and one paper copy of the following tariff sheets:

Twelfth Revised Sheet No. 78, Canceling Eleventh Revised Sheet No. 78. Ninth Revised Sheet No. 136, Canceling Eighth Revised Sheet No 136, Second Revised Sheet No. 136.1, Canceling First Revised Sheet No. 136.1

By this filing, Black Hills Energy is removing the 2021 Polar Vortex surcharge and the related transportation conversion fee from the tariff. The Polar Vortex surcharge concludes with June 2024 usage. The line item will remain on bills for a couple of months at a zero rate, in case there are any billing adjustments, and then will be removed from bill print. Any remaining balance will be included in the GCA in the upcoming annual reconciliation filing.

If you have any questions regarding the enclosed filing, please contact me at your convenience.

Respectfully,

<u>/s/ Margaret McGill</u> Margaret McGill

Enclosures

# RATE SCHEDULES AND OTHER CHARGES SCHEDULE OF RATES

#### Rate Areas 1, 2, & 3:

| Type of Charge                    | Billing Unit | Base      | SSIR    | HEAT   | Line    | Gas           |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------|--------|---------|---------------|
|                                   |              |           |         |        | Locates | Cost          |
| Residential                       |              | 1/        | 2/      | 3/     | 4/      | <del>8/</del> |
| Customer Charge                   | Per Month    | \$15.45   | \$3.78  | \$0.29 |         |               |
| Volumetric Charge First 20 Therms | Per Therm    | \$0.50858 |         |        |         | 5/            |
| Volumetric Charge Over 20 Therms  | Per Therm    | \$0.15000 |         |        |         | 5/            |
| Commercial                        |              |           |         |        |         |               |
| Customer Charge                   | Per Month    | \$28.43   | \$11.35 | \$0.29 |         |               |
| Volumetric Charge First 40 Therms | Per Therm    | \$0.50858 |         |        |         | 5/            |
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| Commercial – EO                   |              |           |         |        |         |               |
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#### Rate Area 5

| Type of Charge                    | Billing Unit | Base      | SSIR    | HEAT   | GSCA      | Gas  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|-----------|---------|--------|-----------|------|
|                                   |              | 1/        | 2/      | 3/     | 6/        | Cost |
| Residential                       |              |           |         |        |           |      |
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| Volumetric Charge First 20 Therms | Per Therm    | \$0.50858 |         |        | \$0.00000 | 7/   |
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| Agricultural Seasonal Service     |              |           |         |        |           |      |
| Minimum Volumetric Charge         | Per Therm    | \$0.00100 |         |        | \$0.00000 | 7/   |
| Maximum Volumetric Charge         | Per Therm    | \$0.50000 |         |        | \$0.00000 | 7/   |

1/ Base rates as set for on Sheet Nos. 79, 80, and 82

2/ System Safety and Integrity Rider set forth on Sheet Nos. 127-131

3/ High Efficiency Assistance Tool set forth on Sheet No. 132 – added to Customer Charge on bills

4/ Line Locates Surcharge as set forth on Sheet No. 133

5/ Gas Cost rates for Rate Areas 1-3 as set forth on Sheet Nos. 95 and 96

6/ Gas Supply Cost Adjustment as set forth on Sheet No. 123

7/ Gas Cost rates for Rate Area 5 (Supplier Commodity Charge) is the applicable rate agreed to by the Customer and its Supplier in the Choice Gas Program. See Sheet Nos. 97-107 8/ 2021 Polar Vortex surcharge set forth on Sheet No. 136.1

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| SUPPLIER FEE Applicable to Choice Program Suppliers in Rate Area 5 |                                      |   |  |   |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
|  |                                      |   | Administration 1/<br>Bad Debt 2/<br>Total Supplier Fee 3/  | \$1.094<br>\$0.568<br>\$1.662           |  |
| 1/   |                                      | fixed fee, per month, per customer billed<br>cial Choice Gas Program.   | for each supplier in the Resider   | ntial and                               |  |
| 2/   | Resident<br>debited to<br>prior cale | Debt cost portion of the Supplier Fee sh<br>ial and Commercial Choice Gas Progra<br>o Account No. 144, Accumulated Provision<br>ndar year, by the number of customers b<br>iled with the Commission for their appro   | m supplier commodity bad debt<br>on for Uncollectible Accounts d<br>billed. The change in this portion   | write-offs<br>uring the<br>n of the fee |  |
| 3/   |                                      | s charged to each Residential and Com<br>ing supplier each month based on the n   |  | at                                      |  |
| SALES/EI<br>OPTIONS<br>CONVER<br>FEE                               | ÷                                    | Applicable to Commercial or Sma<br>in Rate Areas One, Two, and Thre<br>Energy Options Program, or Hi<br>Service, during the effective date<br>Cost Recovery Mechanism approv  | e, electing service under the<br>igh Volume Transportation<br>s of the Cold Weather Gas  |   |  |
|  |                                      | The Sales/EO Conversion Fee is a date conversion is implemented, incorporates the following compresent natural gas monthly usage ov (b) each trailing month during the correspond to the remaining num collection of the February 2021 Co (c) then applying the 2021 Polar V date of conversion, to that anticipa collected will be credited to the Recovery Mechanism. | based on a calculation that<br>onents: (a) the customer's<br>er a recent 12-month period,<br>12-month period applied to<br>ber of months remaining in<br>Id Weather Event costs, and<br>ortex surcharge, effective at<br>ted gas usage. 2/ Amounts |   |  |

1/ Energy Options Program Transportation Service (EO) detailed on Sheet Nos. 85 to 86.

2/ 2021 Polar Vortex surcharge set forth on Sheet No. 136.1.

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| 2021 POLAR<br>VORTEX<br>SURCHARGE | DESCRIPTION<br>The 2021 Polar Vortex surcharge is a Cold Weather Cost Recovery Mechanism to<br>recover the costs of gas purchased during the cold weather event, Storm Uri, of<br>February 2021. The 2021 Polar Vortex surcharge was approved by the Commission<br>order in Docket NG-111.1 on May 25, 2021. Expenses, including carrying costs, from<br>the cold weather event are recovered, over a 36-month effective period, via the<br>volumetric 2021 Polar Vortex surcharge.<br>EFFECTIVE PERIOD |
|                                   | The 2021 Polar Vortex surcharge will be effective, subject to annual true-up adjustment,<br>for 36-months beginning with bills rendered on or after July 1, 2021, ending June 30,<br>2024.<br>REPORTING   |
|                                   | During the effective period, the Company will file with the Commission semi-annual reports on the progress of the recovery of the purchased gas costs. These semi-annual reports will be filed on or before April 1 and on or before October 1 of each calendar year of the recovery period.  |
|                                   | Annually, if needed, the Company may file to adjust the surcharge for any over/under recovery. The annual true-up filing will be made coincident with the April 1 semi-annual report, to be effective the following July through June.  |
|                                   | The Company will file a final reconciliation report, within 60 days of the conclusion of the 36-month effective period. Any remaining balance, positive or negative, will be included in the CCA.   |
|                                   | CHARGE BY CUSTOMER CLASS<br>The 2021 Polar Vortex surcharge applies to all Jurisdictional customers in Rate Areas<br>1, 2, and 3.<br>Polar Vortex Surcharge<br>Effective 07/01/2023   |
|                                   | \$0.16015 per Therm   |
|                                   | Any sales customer in Rate Areas One, Two, and Three, electing service under the<br>Energy Options Program, or High Volume Transportation Service, during the effective<br>period, will be subject to a Conversion Fee as set forth on Sales/Energy Options<br>Conversion Fee, Sheet No. 136.   |

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- 1/ This is a fixed fee, per month, per customer billed for each supplier in the Residential and Commercial Choice Gas Program.
- 2/ The Bad Debt cost portion of the Supplier Fee shall be determined by dividing the total Residential and Commercial Choice Gas Program supplier commodity bad debt write-offs debited to Account No. 144, Accumulated Provision for Uncollectible Accounts during the prior calendar year, by the number of customers billed. The change in this portion of the fee shall be filed with the Commission for their approval by February 15 of each year.
- 3/ This fee is charged to each Residential and Commercial Choice Gas Program participating supplier each month based on the number of customers billed for that supplier.

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