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Via Email: Gregory.Walklin@nebraska.gov

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

Re: Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC
Motion for Protective Order
Application NG-133 – 2027 SSIR

Dear Mr. Walklin:

Enclosed is a Motion for Protective Order for your consideration under Application NG-133. The original and three hard copies have been mailed to the Nebraska Public Service Commission on today's date.

If you have any questions or concerns, please give me a call.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE	)	
APPLICATION BLACK HILLS	)	
NEBRASKA GAS, LLC, D/B/A BLACK	)	
HILLS ENERGY, RAPID CITY, SOUTH	)	Application No. NG-133
DAKOTA SEEKING APPROVAL OF A	)	
2027 SYSTEM SAFETY AND	)	
INTEGRITY RIDER	)	

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

On July 31, 2026, Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“Applicant”) filed an application seeking approval of the Nebraska Public Service Commission (“Commission”) in the above-captioned proceeding seeking Commission approval of Black Hills Energy’s 2025 System Safety and Integrity Rider (“SSIR”). In conjunction therewith, Applicant files this Motion for Protective Order.

Black Hills Energy seeks a Protective Order pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1829 of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, and Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 291, Chapter 9, Rule 006 (Confidential Information), to preserve the confidentiality of all confidential information and materials filed or otherwise involved in the above-captioned proceeding.

In support of this Motion, Black Hills Energy states as follows:

1. As provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1829 and the Commission’s existing rules and regulations, the Commission may enter an order to adopt a Protective Order (*i.e.*, in the form attached hereto) to cover any “Confidential” materials that may be submitted by Black Hills Energy, or other Participants, in conjunction with the above-captioned proceeding.
2. Issuing a standard Commission Protective Order in this proceeding is in the public interest as it will protect the confidential materials of the Applicant and other Participants in this proceeding.

3. The Protective Order contains provisions that require Black Hills Energy to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act. The Protective Order also incorporates the Commission's proposed Rules and Regulations regarding confidential information. See Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 66-1801 et seq.; see also Neb. Admin. Code, Title 291, Ch. 9, Rule 006 (Confidential Information).

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Nebraska Public Service Commission adopt and issue the attached Order Adopting Protective Order in accordance with the State Natural Gas Regulation Act and any applicable existing or proposed rules or regulations of the Commission to cover the Confidential Materials filed by Participants in this proceeding.

Dated: August 24, 2026

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was served by e-mail on the 24th day of August 2026 upon the following:

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