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Col. Thomas Golden (Ret.)
Executive Director
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1200 N Street, Suite 300
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Re: *In the Matter of the Application for Approval of a General Rate Case on Behalf
of Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy
Application No. NG-124*

Dear Mr. Golden:

Enclosed, please find for filing an original and eight (8) copies of the Motion for Protective Order of the above-referenced Application. Please file stamp the extra copy and return to my office in the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the enclosed filing, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF NEBRASKA

IN THE MATTER OF THE)
 APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS)
 NEBRASKA GAS, LLC D/B/A BLACK)
 HILLS ENERGY, RAPID CITY, SOUTH)
 DAKOTA, SEEKING A GENERAL)
 RATE INCREASE)

Application No. NG-124

MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“BH Nebraska Gas”) is the Applicant for a general rate case as filed in Commission Application No. NG-124 with the Nebraska Public Service Commission (the “Commission”). In conjunction therewith, Applicant files this Motion for Protective Order.

Applicant 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, Applicant 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 to cover any “Confidential” materials that may be submitted by the Applicant 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 the Applicant and other Participants 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 an 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: May 1, 2025

**BLACK HILLS NEBRASKA GAS, LLC.,
D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY, APPLICANT**

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was served by e-mail or hand delivered on the 1st day of May 2025 upon the following individuals:

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