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Re: *Black Hills/Nebraska Gas Utility Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy Seeking Approval to Adjust the Surcharge for the Farm Tap Safety Program for the 2018-2019 Year Application No. NG-0090.2 – Quarterly Progress Report*

Dear Ms. Mulcahy and Mr. Austin:

Black Hills Energy provides this Quarterly Farm Tap Replacement or Purchase and Investment Progress Report (“Farm Tap Progress Report”), pursuant to the Nebraska Public Service Commission’s (“Commission”) Hearing Officer Order dated July 20, 2020 in the above-captioned proceeding. This Report contains information current as of June 30, 2021.

2019	March	April	May	June	July
Monthly Line Replacements and Purchases	0	37	27	40	45
Cumulative Total	171	208	235	275	320
Monthly Total Investment	\$ 91,899	\$ 128,581	\$ 430,005	\$ 316,214	\$ 419,460
Cumulative Investment	\$2,133,713	\$2,262,294	\$2,692,299	\$3,008,513	\$3,427,973

2019	August	September	October	November	December
Monthly Line Replacements and Purchases	50	33	52	32	20
Cumulative Total	370	403	455	487	507
Monthly Total Investment	\$ 388,225	\$ 593,629	\$ 514,435	\$ 629,173	\$ 563,860
Cumulative Investment	\$3,816,198	\$4,409,827	\$4,924,262	\$5,553,435	\$6,117,295

2020	January	February	March	April	May
Monthly Line Replacements and Purchases	15	18	14	14	1
Cumulative Total	522	540	554	568	569
Monthly Total Investment	\$ 333,179	\$ 374,513	\$ 517,944	\$ 602,114	\$ 56,800
Cumulative Investment	\$6,450,474	\$6,824,987	\$7,342,931	\$7,945,044	\$8,001,044
2020/2021	June	September	December	March 2021	June 2021
Monthly Line Replacements and Purchases	1	2	3		
Cumulative Total	570	572	575	575	575
Monthly Total Investment	\$ 12,644	(\$112,007)	\$ 162,772	\$ 0	\$ 0
Cumulative Investment	\$8,014,488	\$7,902,481	\$8,064,772	\$8,064,772	\$8,064,772

Below is a summary of the overall Farm Tap Replacement Program.

Replaced/Purchased	575
In Process	2
Easement Issues	3
NNG A-Line/Non-Active	<u>99</u>
Total	679

“In Process” includes 1 tap pending contractor scheduling and 1 tap awaiting Engineering design. “Easement Issues” Black Hills continues to attempt to amicably resolve the three farm taps with easement issues. Communications have been sent to applicable customers, indicating disconnections will commence August 31, 2021, if easement issues are left unresolved.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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And

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