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October 13, 2023

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

Re: *Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy
2023 Nebraska Agricultural and Interruptible Rate Increase
Commission Notice and Proof of Publication*

Dear Ret. Col. Golden:

Black Hills Energy hereby transmits its Notice to the Commission and Proof of Publication for the legal publication of rate changes for its non-regulated Agricultural and Interruptible natural gas services effective October 1, 2023, pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1810(2).

Each of the customers affected by this agricultural and interruptible rate increase has been notified in writing prior to October 1, 2023. This increase does not affect firm jurisdictional residential or commercial customers located in Rate Areas One, Two, or Three or any customers located in Rate Area Five under the Choice Gas Program. Also enclosed are the template letters submitted to customers affected by this rate increase.

Please contact me if you have any questions or need additional information.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas J. Law

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Attachment

**LEGAL NOTICE
NON-REGULATED NATURAL GAS
DELIVERY CHARGE INCREASE**

Black Hills Nebraska Gas Company, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (Black Hills Energy) provides public notice pursuant to the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1810(2), that effective **October 1, 2023**, Black Hills Energy will increase the customer charge for its non-regulated Agricultural and Interruptible natural gas services. **Black Hills Energy's Residential and Commercial customers subject to the jurisdiction of the Nebraska Public Service Commission are NOT affected by this notice or applicable price increase. In addition, Choice Gas Program Agricultural and Residential/Commercial Customers in Rate Area 5 are NOT affected by this notice or applicable price increase.**

The change in Black Hills Energy's natural gas customer charges apply to existing customers obtaining agricultural and interruptible natural gas services in and around Black Hills Energy's Rate Areas 1, 2, and 3, and to new Black Hills Energy customers who qualify for these services. Black Hills Energy will send a notification letter to each customer affected by this notice.

Agricultural Class Charges: On and after October 1, 2023, Black Hills Energy's non-regulated agricultural service customer charge will increase from \$29 per month to \$32 per month. The current base rate (delivery charge) of \$ 0.135 per therm for natural gas will also increase to \$0.150 per therm.

Interruptible Class Charges: On and after October 1, 2023, Black Hills Energy's non-regulated interruptible sales and interruptible transportation services customer charge will increase from \$110.00 per month to \$120.00 per month. The current base rate (delivery charge) of \$0.135 per therm will also increase to \$0.150 per therm.

Black Hills Energy provides regulated and non-regulated gas service to approximately 300,000 customers in Nebraska. The changes in this notice affect approximately 200 customers in Black Hills Energy's non-regulated Agricultural and Interruptible classes.

Any questions regarding this public notice should be mailed to:

Mr. Charley Hedstrom
Business Development Manager
Black Hills Energy
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Lincoln, NE 68512

Charley.Hedstrom@blackhillscorp.com

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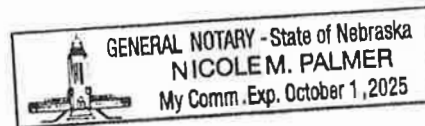
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District of Nebraska,
County of Douglas,
City of Omaha } ss.

JASON W. HUFF and/or JOSIE CHARRON, being duly sworn, deposes and say that they are the PUBLISHER and/or MANAGING EDITOR of THE DAILY RECORD, of Omaha, a legal newspaper, printed and published daily in the English language, having a bona fide paid circulation in Douglas County in excess of 300 copies, and a general circulation in Sarpy, Lancaster, Cass and Dodge Counties, printed in Omaha, in said County of Douglas, Nebraska for more than fifty-two weeks last past; that the printed notice here-to attached was published in THE DAILY RECORD, of Omaha, for 2 consecutive weeks on:

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Date 01, 2023

(Addressee Name)
(Company Name)
0000 Main Street, Suite 0000
(City), (ST) 00000-0000

Dear (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) (Name):

I'm writing today to notify you of a rate change for our customers who qualify for our special agricultural rate. This change will go into effect on October 1.

An adjustment is necessary to account for increased business costs, which we have held to a minimum through considerate, cost-effective management and our ongoing continuous improvement program.

Under the new rates, the customer charge will increase to \$32 from \$29 per month and the delivery charge will change to \$0.150 per therm, from \$0.135 per therm. The customer charge includes our fixed costs for labor and materials to provide you with safe, reliable service. The base rate includes commodity and pipeline transportation charges and fees. The biggest factor in your total bill will continue to be the amount of natural gas you use.

Our highest priority is your safety and that of your family, the public and our employees. We take great care to maintain the integrity of our natural gas system and our 9,600 miles of natural gas main in Nebraska. We look forward to continuing to serve your natural gas service needs safely and reliably at competitive rates.

On behalf of the Black Hills Energy employees who serve you, I thank you for your business. Please feel free to contact me anytime with your account or service questions at 402-858-3597 or Charley.Hedstrom@blackhillsenergy.com.

Sincerely,

Charley Hedstrom



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Business Development Manager
email@blackhillscorp.com

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Lincoln, NE 68512
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Date 01, 2023

(Addressee Name)
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Dear (Mr./Mrs./Ms.) (Name):

I'm writing today to notify you of a rate change in your rates for service beginning October 1.

An adjustment is necessary to account for increased business costs, which we have held to a minimum through considerate, cost-effective management and our ongoing continuous improvement program.

Under the new rates, the customer charge will be \$120.00 per month and the delivery charge will change to \$0.150 per therm. The customer charge includes our fixed costs for labor and materials to provide you with safe, reliable service. The base rate includes commodity and pipeline transportation charges and fees. The biggest factor in your total bill will continue to be the amount of natural gas you use.

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