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November 1, 2021

Ms. Shanicee Knutson
Deputy Director
Nebraska Public Service Commission
1200 N Street, Suite 300
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

Re: Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC
Revisions to Rate Schedules and Other Charges, Schedule of Rates
to Adjust Customer Charges to Reflect the Customer
Retention Incentive Program Charge

Dear Ms. Knutson:

Pursuant to Section 66-1808 of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("BHE" or the "Company") herewith submits for filing with the Nebraska Public Service Commission ("Commission") the original and one paper copy of the following tariff sheet:

Fifth Revised Sheet No. 78
Canceling Fourth Revised Sheet No. 78

By this filing, BHE is proposing to adjust the Customer Charges applicable to Residential and Commercial customers in Rate Areas 1-3, and 5.

This filing reflects changes in the overall Customer Charges of \$0.14 per month to cover the costs of BHE's HEAT (High Efficiency Assistance Tool) Program. The new HEAT Charge that BHE is proposing in this filing is an increase from \$0.00 to \$0.14 per month for Rate Areas 1-3 and a decrease from \$0.39 to \$0.14 per month for Rate Area 5.

The tariff sheet included with this filing bears a proposed effective date of January 1, 2022. Also included, as Exhibit C, is the Annual Report required by Sheet No. 132 of the Company's Nebraska Gas Tariff. The HEAT Program originally was approved by the Commission by its Order Approving Stipulation entered on December 27, 2006, in Commission Docket No. NG-0036. Pursuant to the approved Stipulation, and also by the Commission's Order Granting Application in Part entered on March 9, 2010, in Commission Docket No. NG-0060, the Company recovers through its rates the cost of rebates for space and water heating appliances issued through the HEAT Program via the HEAT Charge which is added to the monthly Customer Charge pursuant to Sheet No. 132 of BHE's Nebraska Gas Tariff. Pursuant to the Commission's Order Granting Application in Part entered on May 22, 2012, in Commission Docket No. NG-0067, the determination of the HEAT Charge now includes a reconciliation of HEAT Program costs and

revenue collections, to insure that costs are collected on a dollar for dollar basis under the HEAT Program.

Sheet No. 132 of BH's Nebraska Gas Tariff establishes the various terms of the Customer Retention Incentive Program, including the manner in which the monthly HEAT Charge is calculated. The above-referenced HEAT Charge of \$0.14 per month was calculated pursuant to the requirements of Sheet No. 132.

This filing includes the following exhibits:

- Exhibit A – Clean version of Tariff Sheet No. 78.
- Exhibit B – Redlined version of Tariff Sheet No. 78.
- Exhibit C – Calculation of the Monthly HEAT Charge (Annual Report).
- Exhibit D – The HEAT Space Heating Claim Form and the HOT Water Heater Claim Form that participating customers use to claim a rebate from BHE under the terms of the HEAT Program.

Notice of the proposed revisions contained in Sheet No. 78 is being given to the Commission and the public by this tariff filing. A copy of the complete filing (transmittal letter, Exhibits A, B, C, D) and a separate copy of each of the Tariff Sheet Exhibits (Exhibit A – Clean version and Exhibit B – Redlined version) are also being provided electronically in pdf format by email.

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

Sincerely,

/s/ Tyler E. Frost
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(402) 858-3561

And

/s/ Douglas J. Law
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Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC HEAT Program

Exhibit A – Tariff Sheet

RATE SCHEDULES AND OTHER CHARGES
SCHEDULE OF RATES

Rate Areas 1, 2, & 3:

Type of Charge	Billing Unit	Base	SSIR	HEAT	Line Locates	Gas Cost
Residential		1/	2/	3/	4/	
Customer Charge	Per Month	\$15.45	\$0.62	\$0.14		
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	\$1.23	\$0.14		
Volumetric Charge First 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.50858				5/
Volumetric Charge Over 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.15000				5/
Commercial – EO						
Customer Charge	Per Month	\$28.43	\$1.23	\$0.14		
Volumetric Charge First 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.50858				5/
Volumetric Charge Over 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.15000				5/

Rate Area 5

Type of Charge	Billing Unit	Base 1/	SSIR 2/	HEAT 3/	GSCA 6/	Gas Cost
Residential						
Customer Charge	Per Month	\$15.45	\$0.62	\$0.14		
Volumetric Charge First 20 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.50858			\$0.00000	7/
Volumetric Charge Over 20 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.15000			\$0.00000	7/
Commercial						
Customer Charge	Per Month	\$28.43	\$1.23	\$0.14		
Volumetric Charge First 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.50858			\$0.00000	7/
Volumetric Charge Over 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.15000			\$0.00000	7/
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 Sheets No. 79, 80, and 82
 2/ System Safety and Integrity Rider set forth on Sheets No. 127-131
 3/ High Efficiency Assistance Tool set forth on Sheet No. 132
 4/ Line Locates Surcharge as set forth on Sheets No. 133
 5/ Gas Cost rates for Rate Areas 1-3 as set forth on Sheets No. 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 Sheets No. 97 to 107

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Exhibit B – Redlined Tariff Sheet

RATE SCHEDULES AND OTHER CHARGES
SCHEDULE OF RATES

Rate Areas 1, 2, & 3:

Type of Charge	Billing Unit	Base	SSIR	HEAT	Line Locates	Gas Cost
Residential		1/	2/	3/	4/	
Customer Charge	Per Month	\$15.45	\$0.62	\$0.1490		
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	\$1.23	\$0.1490		
Volumetric Charge First 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.50858				5/
Volumetric Charge Over 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.15000				5/
Commercial – EO						
Customer Charge	Per Month	\$28.43	\$1.23	\$0.1490		
Volumetric Charge First 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.50858				5/
Volumetric Charge Over 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.15000				5/

Rate Area 5

Type of Charge	Billing Unit	Base	SSIR	HEAT	GSCA	Gas Cost
Residential		1/	2/	3/	6/	
Customer Charge	Per Month	\$15.45	\$0.62	\$0.1439		
Volumetric Charge First 20 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.50858			\$0.00000	7/
Volumetric Charge Over 20 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.15000			\$0.00000	7/
Commercial						
Customer Charge	Per Month	\$28.43	\$1.23	\$0.1439		
Volumetric Charge First 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.50858			\$0.00000	7/
Volumetric Charge Over 40 Therms	Per Therm	\$0.15000			\$0.00000	7/
Agricultural Seasonal Service						
Minimum Volumetric Charge	Per Therm	\$0.00100	--	--	\$0.00000	7/
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DATE OF ISSUE: ~~November 1~~^{April 30}, 2021
 ISSUED BY: Robert J. Amdor

EFFECTIVE DATE: ~~January~~^{June} 1, 2022²⁴

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Exhibit C – Calculation of Monthly HEAT Charge

Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC - Rate Area 5
d/b/a Black Hills Energy
Calculation of Monthly Heat Charge
September 1, 2020 through August 31, 2021

Line No.	Description	[B]	[C]	[D]	[E]	[F]	[G]	[H]	[I]	[J]	[K]	[L]	[M]
		2020 - 2021 Program Year Rebates											
		2020				2021							
		September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
1	Nebraska HEAT Rebates	\$16,050	\$20,550	\$27,750	\$26,400	\$14,850	\$29,250	\$21,450	\$45,695	\$19,650	\$48,450	\$33,300	\$42,150
2	Nebraska Multi-Unit Rebates	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
3	Nebraska HOT Rebates	\$3,900	\$5,325	\$3,825	\$4,575	\$2,850	\$6,000	\$4,350	\$12,825	\$12,600	\$29,625	\$19,650	\$26,400
4	Total Rebates	\$19,950	\$25,875	\$31,575	\$30,975	\$17,700	\$35,250	\$25,800	\$58,520	\$32,250	\$78,075	\$52,950	\$68,550
5	2020 - 2021 Program Year Rebates Total												\$477,470
6	Current Recoveries	\$23,879	\$25,776	\$25,975	\$26,180	\$29,945	\$31,575	\$31,573	\$31,541	\$31,465	\$31,367	\$30,229	\$31,031
7	Monthly Change in Balance	(\$3,929)	\$99	\$5,600	\$4,795	(\$12,245)	\$3,675	(\$5,773)	\$26,979	\$785	\$46,708	\$22,721	\$37,519
8	New Total Balance	\$367,215	\$367,314	\$372,914	\$377,709	\$365,464	\$369,139	\$363,366	\$390,345	\$391,130	\$437,838	\$460,559	\$498,078
9	Projected Customers per Month												290,397
10	Monthly HEAT Charge ((Line 8 / Line 9) / 12)												<u>\$0.14</u>

Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC HEAT Program

Exhibit D – HEAT Claim Form & HOT Claim Form



Nebraska HEAT Claim Form

Customer Name

Installation Address

City, State, ZIP

Phone #

Email

Account #

Customer name/address if different than account

Name

Address

City, State, ZIP

Rebate check will be issued to name listed on Black Hills Energy account.

Heating System Brand

Heating System Model

Heating System Serial #

Date of Purchase

Date of Installation

Input Btu's/hour Minimum: 40,000 AFUE Efficiency % Minimum: 80%

Proof of Purchase Attached Must include cost breakdown

This natural gas heating appliance replaces what type of energy source? Electric Propane Natural Gas

Incentives available to Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy jurisdictional residential and commercial customers living in Nebraska.
Call (855) 281-9157 to verify eligibility.

<u>80% to 94% AFUE</u>	For installed nameplate input of:	<u>95% or higher AFUE</u>
\$150	40,000 Btu/hour to 99,999 Btu/hr	\$300
\$300	For installed nameplate input of: 100,000 Btu/hour to 199,999 Btu/hr	\$600
\$450	For installed nameplate input of: 200,000 Btu/hour or higher	\$900

Customer may choose any equipment vendor

Heating system must be:

Natural Gas space heating system - Equipment must be new
Minimum input Btu/hour of 40,000
Minimum Annual Fuel Utilization Efficiency (AFUE) of 80%
Connected to and served by the Black Hills Energy Retail Distribution System in Nebraska

<p>Mail, email or fax this required certificate and your proof of purchase (must include cost breakdown, model, serial number, Btu and AFUE efficiency of heating system) to: Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing</p>	<p>Black Hills Energy c/o Nebraska HEAT HOT Rebate Program P.O. Box 5167 Des Moines, IA 50305 Customer service: 855-281-9157 or 515-281-9157 Fax: 877-932-0558 or 515-244-0558 Email: bhehoheat@a-tec.com www.blackhillsenergy.com/hot-heat</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For internal use only:</p> <p>Rate ID:</p> <p>SA ID:</p>
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Offer good to Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy jurisdictional residential and commercial customers in Nebraska only. The HOT/HEAT Program is not available to Agricultural, interruptible, or High Volume customers as defined in the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, and the tariff of Black Hills Energy. In addition, contractors or builders constructing single family homes are not eligible for HEAT/HOT rebates. The rebate amount not to exceed the cost of heating equipment. Cannot be combined with other HEAT/HOT rebates for the same piece of equipment. Purchases of refurbished or previously sold models do not qualify for this promotion. This certificate is not transferable. Omission of sales receipt or any other information will delay processing or disqualify your request. All submitted proofs of purchase become the property of Black Hills Energy and cannot be returned. Black Hills Energy is not responsible for lost, late, illegible, incomplete, damaged, misdirected or postage-due requests/mail. Keep a copy for your files. All claims subject to audit. Offer subject to terms and conditions of program.
For Customers located in Black Hills Energy's Tariff Rate Areas One, Two, or Three, the HEAT rebates will only apply to appliances purchased and/or installed after March 1, 2021. The HEAT program was not effective in those rate areas prior to March 1, accordingly installation of those appliances do not qualify for rebates under the HEAT program.



Nebraska HOT Water Heater Claim Form

Customer Name

Installation Address

City, State, ZIP

Phone #

Email

Account #

Customer name/address if different than account

Name

Address

City, State, ZIP

Rebate check will be issued to name listed on Black Hills Energy account.

HOT Water Heater Brand

HOT Water Heater Model

HOT Water Heater Serial #

Date of Purchase

Date of Installation

Input Btu's/Hour Minimum - 30,000 UEF Rating

Proof of Purchase Attached Must include cost breakdown

This natural gas HOT water heater replaces what type of energy source? Electric Propane Natural Gas

Incentives available to all Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy jurisdictional residential and commercial customers in Nebraska, as follows. Call (855) 281-9157 to verify eligibility.

<p><u>Tank Water Heaters with UEF of less than or equal to 0.57</u></p> <p>For installed nameplate input of:</p> <p><u>30,000 Btu/hour up to 79,999 Btu/hour</u> \$75</p>	<p><u>Tank Water Heaters with UEF of less than or equal to 0.57</u></p> <p>For installed nameplate input of:</p> <p><u>80,000 Btu/hour or higher</u> \$150</p>
<p><u>Tank Water Heaters with UEF of 0.58 or higher</u></p> <p>For installed nameplate input of:</p> <p><u>30,000 Btu/hour up to 79,999 Btu/hour</u> \$150</p>	<p><u>Tankless On-Demand Water Heaters</u></p> <p>UEF of 0.81 or higher \$300</p>

Customer may choose any equipment vendor

HOT water heater must be:

Natural Gas water heating system - Equipment must be new
 Minimum input Btu/hour of 30,000
 Connected to and served by the Black Hills Energy Retail Distribution System in Nebraska

<p>Mail, email or fax this required certificate and your proof of purchase (must include cost breakdown, model, serial number, Btu and UEF of water heating system) to:</p> <p>Please allow 6-8 weeks for processing</p>	<p>Black Hills Energy c/o Nebraska HEAT HOT Rebate Program P.O. Box 5167 Des Moines, IA 50305 Customer service: 855-281-9157 or 515-281-9157 Fax: 877-932-0558 or 515-244-0558 Email: bhehoheat@a-tec.com www.blackhillsenergy.com/hot-heat</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">For internal use only:</p> <p>Rate ID: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p> <p>SA ID: <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/></p>
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