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Ms. Nichole Mulcahy  
 Director of Natural Gas  
 Nebraska Public Service Commission  
 1200 N Street, Suite 300  
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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-0090.1 – Monthly Progress Report*

Dear Ms. Mulcahy and Mr. Austin:

Black Hills Energy provides this Monthly 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 April 5, 2019 in the above-captioned proceeding. This Report contains information current as of January 31, 2020.

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

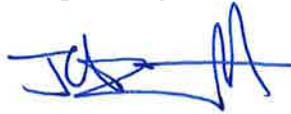
2019	August	September	October	November	December
Monthly Line Replacements and Purchases	50	33	52	32	20
Cumulative Total	370	403	455	487	507
Monthly Total Investment	\$ 388,225	\$ 593,629	\$ 514,435	\$ 629,173	\$ 563,860
Cumulative Investment	\$3,816,198	\$4,409,827	\$4,924,262	\$5,553,435	\$6,117,295

2020	January	February	March	April	May
Monthly Line Replacements and Purchases		15			
Cumulative Total		522			
Monthly Total Investment	\$	333,179			
Cumulative Investment	\$	6,450,474			

Of the remaining Farm Taps, 14 have easement issues that we are continuing to investigate.

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

Respectfully submitted,



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