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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 March 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	18	14		
Cumulative Total	522	540	554		
Monthly Total Investment	\$ 333,179	\$ 374,513	\$ 517,944		
Cumulative Investment	\$6,450,474	\$6,824,987	\$7,342,391		

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

Replaced/Purchased	554
In Process	19
Easement Issues	9
NNG A-Line/Non-Active	<u>97</u>
Total	679

The “In Process” includes 2 previously unidentified lines that were located by the crews. This increases the program total from 677 to 679. We continue to investigate and attempt to resolve the ones that have easement issues.

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

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Jason Bennett

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