BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

IN THE MATTER OF BLACK HILLS NEBRASKA GAS, LLC d/b/a BLACK HILLS ENERGY PROVIDING NOTICE REQUIRED BY NEB. REV. STAT. § 66-1863, AS AMENDED, THAT IT INTENDS TO EXTEND OR ENLARGE ITS SERVICE AREA OR EXTEND A GAS MAIN.

APPLICATION No. P-0_12.32

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MOTION FOR PROTECTIVE ORDER

Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills Energy") is the Applicant providing notice to the Nebraska Public Service Commission (the "Commission") as required in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1863 that it intends to extend or enlarge its service area or extend a gas main. In conjunction therewith, Applicant files this Motion for Protective Order.

Applicant seeks a Protective Order pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1829 of the State Natural Gas Regulation Act, and Nebraska Administrative Code, Title 291, Chapter 9, Rule 006 (Confidential Information), to preserve the confidentiality of any and all confidential information and materials filed or otherwise involved in the above-captioned proceeding.

In support of this Motion, Black Hills Energy states as follows:

1. As provided in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 66-1829 and the Commission's existing rules and regulations, the Commission may enter an order to adopt a Protective Order (*i.e.*, in the form attached hereto) to cover any "Confidential" materials that may be submitted by the Applicant or other Participants, in conjunction with the above-captioned proceeding.

2. Issuing a standard Commission Protective Order in this proceeding is in the public interest as it will protect the confidential materials of the Applicant and other Participants in this proceeding.

3. The Protective Order contains provisions that require the Applicant and

other Participants to comply with the confidentiality requirements of the State

Natural Gas Regulation Act. The Protective Order also incorporates the

Commission's proposed Rules and Regulations regarding confidential information.

See Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 66-1801 et seq.; see also Neb. Admin. Code, Title 291, Ch. 9,

Rule 006 (Confidential Information).

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests that the Nebraska Public Service Commission adopt and issue an Order Adopting Protective Order in accordance with the State Natural Gas Regulation Act and any applicable existing or proposed rules

or regulations of the Commission to cover the Confidential Materials filed by

Applicant and other Participants in this proceeding.

Dated: February 23, 2021

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was served by email and U.S. Mail, sufficient postage prepaid on the 23rd day of February, 2021 upon the following individuals:

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