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Col. Thomas Golden (Ret.)
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
Tariff Update pursuant to Docket NG-113**

Dear Mr. Golden:

Pursuant to Docket NG-113, Black Hills Nebraska Gas, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, in collaboration with NorthWestern Energy and the Public Advocate, herewith submits per Rules and Regulations, Chapter 9, Section 008.06, Revisions to Tariff to Sheet Nos. 36 and 135. Revisions to the Tariff included in this filing are as a result of the workshop held on July 27, 2022, to address customers who may request voluntary relocation, repairs, abandonment, etc. These Tariff changes have an effective date of November 1, 2022.

Please contact me at (402) 858-3561 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,

/s/ Tyler E. Frost

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and

/s/ Douglas J. Law

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Enclosures

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Nichole Mulcahy, Director of Natural Gas Department, NPSC
Jonathan Smith, Attorney, NPSC

RULES AND REGULATIONS – NATURAL GAS SERVICE
GENERAL SERVICE

METERS AND REGULATORS

Company shall furnish meters and meter connections at no extra cost to Customer. Meters and meter connections are to be set and maintained at the Customer's property line; however, in some cases it will be more feasible to set meters on Customer's property, this to be decided by the Company. New installations must be outdoors, unless deemed necessary to be indoors according to Company standards. The meter and meter connections are the property of the Company, and may be removed when the service is terminated for any cause. All yard lines, interior piping, valves, fittings, and appliances on the premises of the Customer shall be furnished by the Customer and are subject to the approval of the Company and the municipal authorities which have jurisdiction.

Electronic Flow Measurement (EFM) devices may be installed at the Customer's expense when requested by the Customer or where the Company does not have reasonable access to the Customer's meter due to fences, landscaping, potentially menacing animals or for other reasons outside the Company's control. In instances where the Company installs an EFM device, the Customer will enter into a suitable Facilities Agreement with the Company providing for payment of the all-inclusive cost of acquiring and installing the device as well as other ongoing monthly fees.

Customer may install, operate and maintain, at its own expense, check measuring equipment as it shall desire, provided that check meters and equipment shall be installed so as not to interfere with the operation of Company's meters at or near the Point of Delivery. Company shall have access to check measuring equipment at all reasonable hours but the reading, calibrating and adjusting thereof and changing of charts shall be done only by Customer.

**ABANDONMENT,
DISCONNECTION,
RELOCATION,
REMOVAL,
REPAIR, OR
RETIREMENT OF
FACILITIES**

The Company may charge the Customer for the cost of abandoning, disconnecting, relocating, removing, repairing, or retiring a utility service line, natural gas main, or other facilities used to provide service to the Customer if (a) the Customer requests such action or (b) the Customer causes the need for abandonment,

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disconnection, relocation, removal, repairment, or retirement of the utility service line, natural gas main, or other facilities used to provide service to the Customer.

The Company may also charge Customer for the cost of abandoning, disconnecting, relocating, removing, repairing, or retiring Customer-owned gas line(s) or other related facilities owned by Customer if (a) the Customer requests such action or (b) the Customer causes the need for abandonment, disconnection, relocation, removal, repairment, or retirement of the Customer-owned gas line(s) or other related facilities owned by Customer.

The Company may refuse a Customer's request to abandon, disconnect, relocate, remove, repair, or retire a utility service line, natural gas main, Customer-owned line(s) or other facilities used to provide service to the Customer if, in the sole judgment of Company, such action would create an unsafe condition, negatively impact other customer served by the Company, or is otherwise in violation of the state or federal laws or regulations.

The Company may assess a charge, pursuant to the Schedule of Rates and Other Charges, at the Company's current standard hourly service charge for all work performed.

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RATE SCHEDULES AND OTHER CHARGES
CHARGES FOR MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

METER TEST CHARGE	Upon Customer's request to have a meter tested, Company may charge time and materials based on Company's determination of meter test history and billing inquiries.	\$40.00
FACILITIES ABANDONMENT, DISCONNECTION, RELOCATION, REMOVAL, REPAIR, OR RETIREMENT OF FACILITIES/MISC SERVICE WORK	As set forth on Sheet No. 36, Abandonment, Disconnection, Relocation, Removal, Repair, or Retirement of Facilities, the Company may assess a charge to the Customer when (a) work identified on Sheet No. 36 is performed at the Customer's request, (b) when the Customer causes the need for the work performed, (c) when actions undertaken by Customer require Company to take action necessary to comply with applicable legal requirements, or (d) when actions undertaken by Customer require Company to mitigate potential or existing safety hazards to property or personnel.	All costs including labor and materials
SEASONAL DISCONNECTIONS	Seasonal disconnection charges shall not be permitted. The Company will charge a turn-on charge (reconnection charge) equal to those charged to any other customer receiving service.	Not permitted; Reconnection Charge will be assessed
DIVERSION FEES	<p>As set forth on Sheet 53, in addition to other statutory remedies or penalties that may be available, the Company will bill the Customer for Company labor and material costs for the damaged Company property.</p> <p><u>Labor:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Field Representative service charge \$75.00 2. Field Representative service charge (If meter repaired, removed or replaced) \$125/hour 3. Customer Service/Billing Associate service charge \$125/hour 	

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DIVERSION FEES (Continued)	<u>Materials:</u>	
	4. Lock	\$25.00
	5. Clamshell	\$50.00
	6. Stop cock	\$35.00
	7. Meter test	\$40.00
	8. Film/developing	\$15.00

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RELOCATION OF
FACILITIES ABANDONMENT,
DISCONNECTION,
RELOCATION, REMOVAL,
REPAIR, OR RETIREMENT
OF FACILITIES

~~Notwithstanding any provision contained within this Tariff, the Customer will bear the cost of relocating facilities used in the provision of gas service which are located downstream of the Service Line when made at the Customer's request or when necessary to comply with applicable legal requirements or to mitigate potential or existing safety hazards to property or personnel. The Company may assess a charge, pursuant to the Schedule of Rates and Other Charges, at the Company's current standard hourly service charge for all work performed. The Company may charge the Customer for the cost of abandoning, disconnecting, relocating, removing, repairing, or retiring a utility service line, natural gas main, or other facilities used to provide service to the Customer if (a) the Customer requests such action or (b) the Customer causes the need for abandonment,~~

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~~First Revised Sheet No. 135.1~~
~~Original Sheet Cancels Original Sheet~~
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