



## **Black Hills Energy Requests Rate Review for System Investments in Iowa**

**GRIMES, Iowa – May 1, 2024** – Black Hills Energy today submitted a regulatory rate review proposal to the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) to recover investments made in safety, reliability and system resilience for natural gas service to over 163,000 customers across 133 Iowa communities.

Since the last rate review in 2021, the company has invested approximately \$100 million in its infrastructure to modernize its system by updating and replacing aging pipe, safeguarding meters, and connecting to renewable natural gas projects to advance the sustainable use of the natural gas system. These projects have improved safety and reliability throughout Iowa in compliance with state and federal regulations and the obligation to serve.

“We are proud of our strong legacy of providing safe, reliable and cost-effective service to our Iowa communities,” said Kevin Jarosz, vice president of operations for Black Hills Energy. “This winter, we were pleased Iowans saw the lowest natural gas prices we’ve seen in several years. We are very mindful of the impacts of inflation on our customers, and we are carefully managing our costs. This rate review request reflects the critical investments we’ve made to maintain system resilience and keep our customers safe and businesses operating through extreme weather events while also supporting economic growth in our Iowa communities.”

As proposed, the average residential customer bill would increase by \$7.56 per month based on an average monthly use of 63 therms. The increase for customers will vary, based on rate class, load factors and total usage. The rate review does not affect the cost of the natural gas delivered by Black Hills Energy. The cost of the natural gas commodity is a direct pass-through to customers, meaning there is no mark-up or profit.

Customers who would like information about saving energy or bill payment assistance should visit [blackhillsenergy.com/assistance](https://blackhillsenergy.com/assistance) or call Black Hills Energy at 888-890-5554.

Under Iowa law, the company can implement a temporary increase in rates that will remain in effect until the IUB completes its review of the proposal. Black Hills Energy will implement a temporary rate increase of approximately \$2.94 per month based on the average residential customer monthly usage of 63 therms on May 11, 2024. Temporary rate increases are subject to refund, plus interest, after the IUB issues a final decision on the request.

For more information about this rate review, please visit [blackhillsenergy.com/IA-rates](https://blackhillsenergy.com/IA-rates).

### **About Black Hills Energy**

Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) is a customer focused, growth-oriented utility company with a tradition of improving life with energy and a vision to be the energy partner of choice. Based in Rapid City, South Dakota, the company serves 1.3 million natural gas and electric utility customers in eight states: Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. More information is available at [www.blackhillscorp.com](https://www.blackhillscorp.com) and [www.blackhillsenergy.com](https://www.blackhillsenergy.com).

### **Caution Regarding Forward Looking Statement**

This news release includes “forward-looking statements” as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. We make these forward-looking statements in reliance on the safe harbor protections provided under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. All statements, other than statements of historical facts, included in this news release that address activities, events or developments that we expect, believe or anticipate will or may occur in the future are forward looking statements, including future anticipated revenues from the new rate increase and the ability to deliver an appropriate return to investors. These forward-looking statements are based on assumptions which we believe are reasonable based on current expectations and projections about future events and industry conditions and trends affecting our business. However, whether actual results and developments will

conform to our expectations and predictions is subject to a number of risks and uncertainties that, among other things, could cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements, the risk factors described in Item 1A of Part I of our 2023 Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC, and other reports that we file with the SEC from time to time.

New factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in forward looking statements emerge from time-to-time, and it is not possible for us to predict all such factors, or the extent to which any such factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ from those contained in any forward-looking statement. We assume no obligation to update publicly any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

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