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BLACK HILLS POWER AND BLACK HILLS CORP. PARTNER WITH RAPID CITY YMCA FOR POWER OF TREES

RAPID CITY, S.D., May 21, 2009 – Black Hills Power, Black Hills Corp. and Rapid City YMCA volunteers are digging in together to foster the “foliage factor” to conserve energy, sustain the environment and improve the landscape, all through the “Power of Trees.”

As part of its Power of Trees program, Black Hills Power is partnering again this spring with local volunteer groups to plant 75 trees in communities the company serves. This is the second year for the company-wide program. Last year, Black Hills Corp. donated and helped to plant 266 trees throughout the company’s service territories.

“Our desire with the Power of Trees program is to work with our community partners to improve the environment and help beautify communities we serve,” said Chuck Loomis, Black Hills Power’s vice president of operations. In Rapid City, Black Hills Power and Black Hills Corp. executives will plant five trees at the YMCA Arts and Science Center on Tuesday, May 26, 9:00 a.m. “This is Black Hills Power’s second Power of Trees event this spring,” said Loomis. “We hope these events will spark an interest in additional tree-planting efforts.”

Black Hills Power employees and their community partners are planting trees in parks, in open spaces and other public areas for people to enjoy. Trees do far more than beautify areas where they are planted and increase property values. They can also contribute to energy savings and purify the air by absorbing pollutants. Trees also serve as sound barriers and create habitat for birds and other wildlife, even in urban settings.

Black Hills Power is the legacy business of Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) and has been delivering energy for more than 125 years. The electric utility serves 69,000 customers in 20 communities in western South Dakota, northeastern Wyoming and southeastern Montana. Black Hills Corp. — a diversified energy company with a tradition of exemplary service and a vision to be the energy partner of choice — is based in Rapid City, S.D., with corporate offices in Golden, Colo., and Omaha, Neb. The company serves 759,000 utility customers in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The company's non-regulated businesses generate wholesale electricity, produce natural gas, oil and coal, and market energy. We partner to produce results that improve life with energy. More information is available at www.blackhillscorp.com.

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