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**BLACK HILLS ENERGY ANNOUNCES TOM DOW
AS SERVICE TECHNICIAN IN ROCKFORD AREA**

ROCKFORD, Iowa, July 27, 2009 – Tom Dow joined Black Hills Energy on July 7 as a service technician serving Rockford, Iowa, and surrounding communities. Dow has 20 years of work experience in the Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning (HVAC) industry, and 3 years experience in the manufacturing industry.

“Tom brings a strong mix of customer service skills and knowledge of HVAC business operations with him to Black Hills Energy,” said Brian Peterson, Black Hills Energy operations supervisor in Webster City. Dow’s responsibilities include leak survey investigation, gas system maintenance and general customer service in the Iowa communities of Greene, Marble Rock, Mitchell, Rockford and St. Ansgar.

Dow’s responsibilities also include appliance repair through Service Guard, a division of Black Hills Energy that offers service protection plans including heating, air conditioner, water heaters, washer and dryer repair services. “Our Service Guard customers can expect to receive the same great service from Tom that they have come to rely on over the years,” said Peterson.

Black Hills Energy serves 149,500 natural gas customers in 130 Iowa communities. Black Hills Energy is part of Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) — 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. Black Hills employees partner to produce results that improve life with energy. More information is available at www.blackhillscorp.com.

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