



News Release

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**BLACK HILLS CORP. SCHEDULES 2009 FOURTH QUARTER AND FULL YEAR
FINANCIAL RESULTS, CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST**

RAPID CITY, SD — January 21, 2010 — Black Hills Corporation (NYSE: BKH) announced today that it will issue a news release regarding 2009 fourth quarter and full year results on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010, and host a live conference call and webcast at 11 a.m. ET on Friday, Jan. 29 to discuss the company’s financial and operating performance.

Those interested in listening to the live broadcast can call 800-230-1092. To access the live webcast and download a copy of the investor presentation, go to the Black Hills Web site at www.blackhillscorp.com and click “Webcast” in the “Investor Relations” section. The presentation will be posted on the Web site prior to the webcast. Listeners should allow at least five minutes for registering and accessing the presentation. For those unable to listen to the live broadcast, a replay will be available by telephone through Feb. 5, 2010, at 800-475-6701 in the United States and at 320-365-3844 for international callers. Callers need to enter the access code 139497# when prompted.

ABOUT BLACK HILLS CORP.

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 Denver 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.