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BLACK HILLS CORP. ANNOUNCES NEW VICE PRESIDENT OF POWER SUPPLY AND RENEWABLE INTEGRATION

RAPID CITY, S.D. – February 5, 2010 – Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) today announced the promotion of Jackie Sargent to the position of vice president of power supply and renewables integration effective immediately.

Linn Evans, president and chief operating officer of utilities for Black Hills Corp., said that as BHC strives to be the energy partner of choice with its customers, communities, and shareholders, the company acknowledges the ever-increasing strategic and operational importance of electric generation resource planning. And with the company's growing demand for renewable resources and energy efficiency and demand side management initiatives, Sargent's leadership role will provide a centralized responsibility for coordinating the overall planning efforts needed to support our continuing ability to cost-effectively serve customers. Sargent's role includes leading the generation dispatch and power marketing team and the added operational responsibility for the company's renewable energy, energy-efficiency and demand side management programs.

Sargent brings more than 21 years of utility operations experience to her new role including experience in customer service, engineering and operations, wholesale generation, power marketing, rates and regulatory, and project management and start-up coordination for several power plants.

Sargent is a registered professional engineer in South Dakota and a graduate of the South Dakota School of Mines & Technology with a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering and a master's degree in technology management.

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 Golden, Colo., and Omaha, Neb. The utility companies serve 750,000 natural gas and electricity customers in Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, 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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