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**BLACK HILLS ENERGY ANNOUNCES JUSTIN JONES
AS OPERATIONS SUPERVISOR IN WEBSTER CITY AREA**

WEBSTER CITY, Iowa, March 29, 2010 – Steve Stone, operations manager for Black Hills Energy’s Iowa natural gas operations, has announced Justin Jones as the company’s operations supervisor serving Webster City, Iowa, and surrounding communities. In this position, Jones will direct and supervise the engineering, maintenance and operation of the natural gas distribution system serving area customers. Jones will also project manage local appliance repair operations through Service Guard, a division of Black Hills Energy that offers service protection plans including heating, air conditioning, water heater, and clothes washer and dryer repair services.

Jones brings ten years of supervisory and management experience to his new role with Black Hills Energy, which he gained while serving as an assistant unit manager for the Iowa Department of Corrections at Fort Dodge Correctional Facility, and as an outreach director for the Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc.

“Jones has extensive experience in management, and has long been involved in several community service groups,” said Stone. “His dedication to community involvement, coupled with his superior customer service and management skills make Justin an ideal operations supervisor for Black Hills Energy, and we are pleased to have him join the Webster City Team.”

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