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### **BLACK HILLS ENERGY NEBRASKA CUSTOMER ALERT**

LINCOLN, Neb., April 1, 2010 – If a Black Hills Energy customer in any area in Nebraska that's being affected by local phone service issues needs to contact Black Hills Energy to report a gas emergency or needs emergency service from the company, Black Hills Energy is still reachable from most mobile services. Black Hills Energy's emergency phone number is 800-694-8989.

A natural gas safety reminder from Black Hills Energy: If a customer smells natural gas, they should leave their home or business immediately and once outside the building, call Black Hills Energy's emergency number – 800-694-8989 – from a neighbor's home or from a cell phone. In addition, if there is a smell of natural gas, do not take time to turn off any lights as the premises are exited. If there is natural gas in the house or business, a spark of any kind could ignite it and cause personal injury and property damage.

Black Hills Energy serves approximately 196,000 natural gas customers in 107 eastern Nebraska 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 — which is based in Rapid City, S.D., and has corporate offices in Denver and Omaha, Neb. The company serves 763,300 natural gas and electric 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](http://www.blackhillscorp.com).

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