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BLACK HILLS ENERGY DONATES \$600 TO WAUKON FIRE DEPARTMENT

WAUKON, Iowa, April 1, 2010 – Black Hills Energy has contributed \$600 to the Waukon Fire Department, which will be used to purchase nearly 30 pairs of flame-retardant gloves for the department’s volunteer firefighters.

“The Waukon Fire Department is a vital community service, and we support their efforts and the volunteers who give their free time to protect and serve the community,” said Sandy Koenig, operations supervisor for Black Hills Energy in Decorah.

“We’re very excited to receive the contribution from Black Hills Energy,” said Jim Ryan, fire chief for the Waukon Fire Department. “It’s very important that we have safe and reliable gear, and contributions from businesses like Black Hills Energy make it possible for us to purchase the personal protective equipment we need so that we can continue to deliver top-notch services.”

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