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**BLACK HILLS CORP. ANNOUNCES QUARTERLY DIVIDEND AND SCHEDULES FIRST QUARTER 2010 FINANCIAL RESULTS, CONFERENCE CALL AND WEBCAST**

RAPID CITY, SD — April 30, 2010 — At a meeting held April 27, 2010, the board of directors of Black Hills Corporation (NYSE: BKH) declared a quarterly dividend on the common stock. Common shareholders of record at the close of business on May 18, 2010, will receive 36 cents per share, payable on June 1, 2010.

The company will issue a news release announcing 2010 first quarter results after market close on May 6, 2010, and host a live conference call and webcast at 11 a.m. ET on May 7, 2010, to discuss the company's financial and operating performance.

Those interested in listening to the live broadcast from within the United States can call 866-730-5765. International callers can call 857-350-1589. All callers need to enter the pass code 82052068 when prompted. To access the live webcast and download a copy of the investor presentation, go to the Black Hills website at [www.blackhillscorp.com](http://www.blackhillscorp.com) and click "Webcast" in the "Investor Relations" section. The presentation will be posted on the website 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 on our website or by telephone through May 14, 2010, at 888-286-8010 in the United States and at 617-801-6888 for international callers. The replay pass code is 38795487.

**Black Hills Corporation**

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 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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