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Cold Weather Rules Ending March 31

(KLZA)-- If you're anticipating a budget crunch as winter exits and bills for home heating arrive, March 31 is an important date to observe.

That's when the annual Nebraska Cold Weather Rule ends and rules governing payment arrangements, energy assistance and bill-related service interruptions change until next fall.

Natural gas utility Black Hills Energy is encouraging customers to call the company before April 1 to explore the company's billing options and payment plans. Black Hills also provides contact information for local energy assistance agencies the company partners with, including the Salvation Army's Heat Share program

Customers are urged to call as soon as possible.

Energy assistance agencies receive a significant portion of their funding from the Black Hills Cares program.

Black Hills Energy provides space on its bills to declare an optional one-time or monthly donation to Black Hills Cares. Information on Black Hills Cares, energy assistance and all of the other energy solutions Black Hills Energy offers is available at www.blackhillsenergy.com or by calling Black Hills Energy toll-free at 888-890-5554.

Black Hills serves 199,000 natural gas customers in 106 eastern Nebraska communities. Black Hills Corp. is based in Rapid City, S.D., and serves 777,000 natural gas and electric utility customers in states including Nebraska and Kansas

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