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### **PUC TO TAKE PUBLIC COMMENT ON BLACK HILLS RESOURCE PLAN**

DENVER – The Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) will hold a public hearing in Pueblo on Thursday, Jan. 15, to receive comment about Black Hills' proposed 2008 Electric Resource Plan.

The public comment hearing will begin at 6 p.m. in the Pueblo City Council Chambers, 1 City Hall Place.

Black Hills serves more than 90,000 customers in 21 Colorado communities, including Pueblo, Canon City and Rocky Ford. About 75 percent of its current electricity supply is obtained through a purchased power agreement with Xcel Energy. However, that contract terminates on Dec. 31, 2011.

For the six-year acquisition period, Black Hills is proposing to install about 346 megawatts (MW) of natural gas-fired combustion turbines and at least 20 MW of wind energy resources. The company also expects to acquire a total of 4 MW of solar resources (both installed and purchased renewable energy credits). The wind and natural gas resources would be on line by Jan. 1, 2012.

Individuals who are unable to attend the public hearing may submit comments in writing to the PUC, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202. Comments should be addressed to Docket No. 08A-346E and should be received by Jan. 26.

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