# SERVING THE COMMUNITY













# **Local Operations Update**



## LAWRENCE OPERATIONS

- 20,669 feet of main replaced
- 401 service lines replaced
- 1,073 meter exchanges completed
- Operated & lubricated 337 emergency valves







#### Black Hills Energy in the community



#### **Something to Cheer About**

The Lawrence Arts Center is a cultural driver in the community and it was our honor to help advance their cause.

Black Hills Energy provided a \$25,000 gift during the holidays to help the organization grow its performing arts outreach with a new multipurpose space at 10<sup>th</sup> and Massachusetts.

It will allow an additional 4,000 people to appreciate the arts. That's something worth cheering about.



## **Kansas Operations Update**



#### **Black Hills Corporation**

We are a customer focused, growth-oriented utility company with a tradition of exemplary service and a vision to be the energy partner of choice. Based in Rapid City, South Dakota, the company serves over 1.2 million electric and natural gas utility customers in nearly 800 communities in Arkansas, Colorado, Iowa, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming. The company generates wholesale electricity and produces natural gas, crude oil and coal. Employees partner to produce results that improve our customers' lives with energy.

#### **Utilities**

#### Gas

**Electric** Arkansas South Dakota Colorado Colorado Wyoming\* lowa

Kansas Nebraska

Wyoming\*

#### Non-regulated Energy

Power Generation

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Coal Mining

Wyodak Resources



Natural Gas Utilities



Flectric Utilities



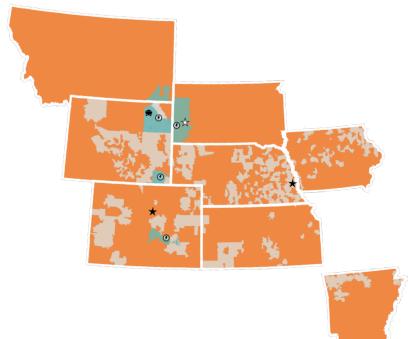
Corporate Office



**Power Generation** 



Company Headquarters



#### Kansas

We understand that we're a critical part of our customers' lives and we're ready to do our part in ensuring that our communities are successful. We're more than a natural gas provider; we're a community partner. Our nearly **117,000 customers** live in **66 communities** throughout Kansas. We're an investor-owned utility and part of the Black Hills Energy family.

For more than 70 years, we've been providing safe, reliable natural gas service to our customers. And we'll do that for the next 70 years and beyond.



#### **Major communities served**

- Dodge City
- Garden City
- Goodland
- Hutchinson
- Hugoton
- Lawrence
- Liberal
- Wichita

#### **Fast facts**

- 117,000 customers
- 66 communities served
- 140 employees
- 4,540 miles of gas system infrastructure



# Supporting Efforts to Make Lawrence Winter Ready

Simple Ways to Conserve Energy, Manage Energy Bills



# Our Ongoing Partnership with the Lawrence Area



Natural Gas Market Considerations



**Energy Conservation** 

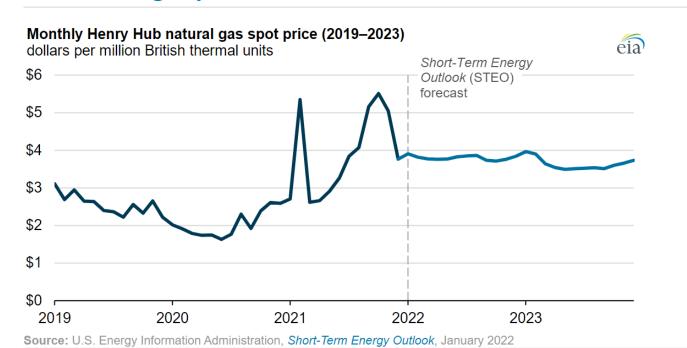


**Customer Assistance** 



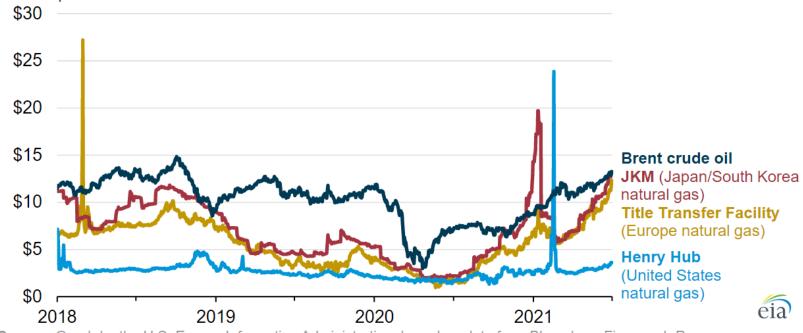
#### **Natural Gas Market Considerations**

EIA forecasts natural gas prices to remain near \$4/MMBtu in 2022, slightly lower in 2023



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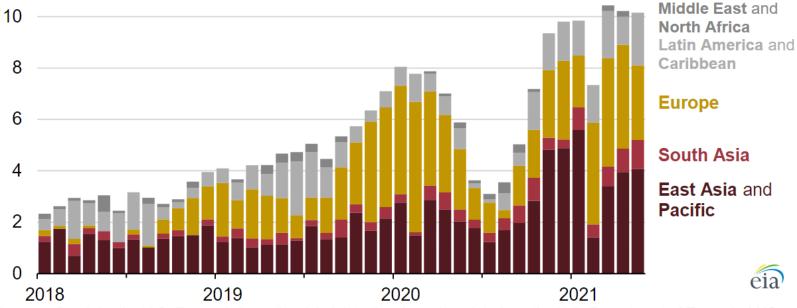
Daily crude oil, natural gas, and liquefied natural gas spot prices (Jan 1, 2018–Jun 30, 2021) dollars per million British thermal units



Source: Graph by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, based on data from Bloomberg Finance, L.P.

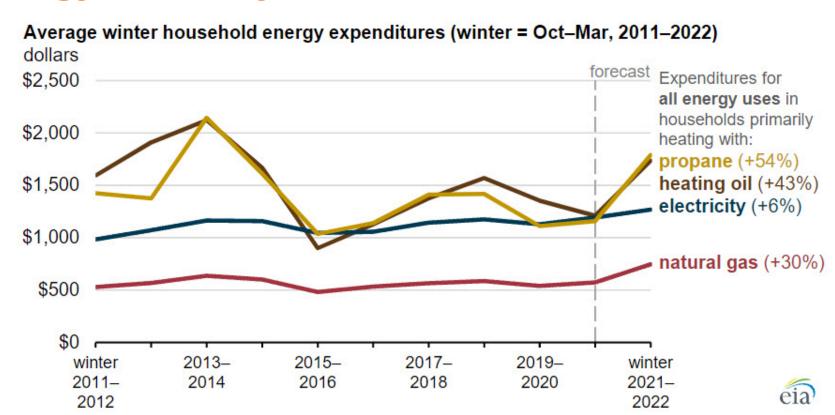
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Monthly U.S. liquefied natural gas exports by destination region (Jan 2018–May 2021) billion cubic feet per day



Source: Graph by the U.S. Energy Information Administration, based on data from the U.S. Department of Energy's *LNG Monthly* reports

#### **Energy Costs by Source**



**Source:** U.S. Energy Information Administration, *Short-Term Energy Outlook: Winter Fuels Outlook* 



# February's Historic Winter

#### What happened?

 A run on gas and subzero challenges

# What's Black Hills Energy doing about it?

- The KCC emergency order
- Our plan to recover

What's next?

#### **Energy Conservation**







#### **Customer Resources**





**Budget Billing** 



**Black Hills Cares** 



**Online Support** 

# **Looking Ahead**

The future of natural gas



#### **Understanding Kansas Energy Needs**

| 2019 Power<br>Mix | U.S.<br>Base | Kansas<br>Base | Kansas Peak<br>(Winter) | Kansas Peak<br>(Summer) |
|-------------------|--------------|----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Natural Gas       | 38.7%        | 5.9%           | 4%                      | 19.7%                   |
| Coal              | 23.6%        | 34.0%          | 90.7%                   | 79.3%                   |
| Oil               | 0.3%         | 0.2%           | 0.0%                    | 0.0%                    |
| Nuclear           | 19.6%        | 18.2%          | 5.0%                    | 0.8%                    |
| Hydro             | 6.5%         | 0.0%           | 0.0%                    | 0.0%                    |
| Wind              | 7.3%         | 41.5%          | 0.0%                    | 0.0%                    |
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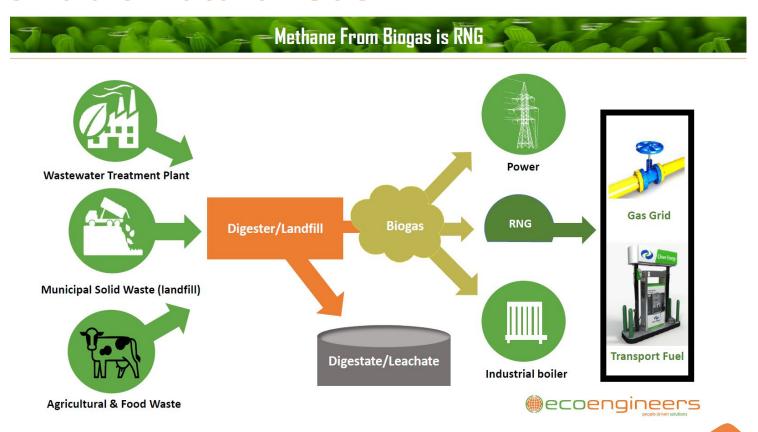
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# Renewable Natural Gas

- Raw biogas or landfill gas is processed or purified to remove contaminants.
- Following purification, RNG contains more than 90% methane and ~950 Btu
- RNG is considered renewable because it can't be exhausted, vs other fossil fuels that need to be mined or drilled and eventually depleted.

#### **Renewable Natural Gas**





#### RNG: How we use it

- It's a triple win:
  - 1. for consumers
  - 2. for emission reductions
  - 3. for family farmers
- We can mix it into our existing supply.
- It can attract new business to the area.

#### Hydrogen on the horizon

 Solves the problem of intermittency

 To be delivered through pipeline system

 Can be used to heat homes and fuel vehicles.



#### Hydrogen on the horizon



Cheyenne Prairie
 Generating Station

Partnering with GE,
 Black & Veatch to use
 a blend of hydrogen
 types like a natural
 gas-fed turbine.

#### Residential Natural Gas Low Greenhouse Gas Pathways

Near-Term (25-50+%)

Expanded use of highefficiency gas equipment

Hybrid natural gas furnace/ boilers and electric heat pump systems

Building envelope improvement



Natural gas heat pumps for space & water heating

Micro CHP systems

Deep building retrofits

Renewables (Added 10-30%)

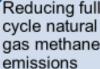
Renewable gas blends (bio-methane, hydrogen)

Solar thermal & geothermal /natural gas space & water heating

Lower Methane Emissions (5-10%)

Reducing fullcycle natural gas methane











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Serving approximately 117,000 natural gas utility customers in 65 communities, our economic impact in Kansas included franchise fees, charitable giving, compensation to more than 140 Kansas employees, payments to suppliers and property, sales and use taxes paid.



\$378,000
CHARITABLE
GIVING



\$130,000
CONTRIBUTIONS
& SPONSORSHIPS



\$129,000 ENERGY ASSISTANCE



\$75,000 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



\$33,000 UNITED WAY PLEDGES



\$12,000 SCHOLARSHIPS

