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### **Forward-Looking Statements**

#### COMPANY INFORMATION

#### **Black Hills Corporation**

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- > The accuracy of our assumptions on which our growth target is based;
- Our ability to obtain adequate cost recovery for our utility operations through regulatory proceedings and favorable rulings on periodic applications to recover costs for capital additions, plant retirements and decommissioning, fuel, transmission, purchased power and other operating costs, and the timing in which new rates would go into effect;
- Our ability to complete our capital program in a cost-effective and timely manner;
- > Our ability to execute on our strategy;
- > Our ability to successfully execute our financing plans;
- > The effects of changing interest rates;
- > Our ability to achieve our greenhouse gas emissions intensity reduction goals;
- > Board of Directors' approval of any future quarterly dividends;
- > The impact of future governmental regulation;
- > Our ability to overcome the impacts of supply chain disruptions on availability and cost of materials;
- > The effects of inflation and volatile energy prices; and
- > Other factors discussed from time to time in our filings with the SEC.

New factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those described in forward-looking statements emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for us to predict all such factors, or the extent to which any such factor or combination of factors may cause actual results to differ from those contained in any forward-looking statement. We assume no obligation to update publicly any such forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

### **Black Hills Corp. Overview**

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# **Black Hills Corp. Overview**

Integrated Pure-Play Utility with Strategic Diversity

### **Electric Utilities**

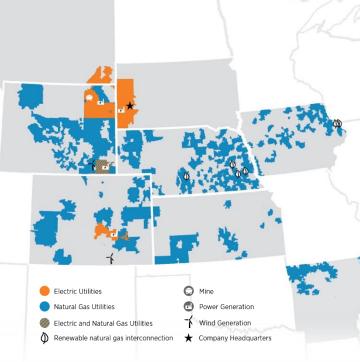
Transmission, distribution and generation

### **Gas Utilities**

Transmission, distribution, sourcing and storage

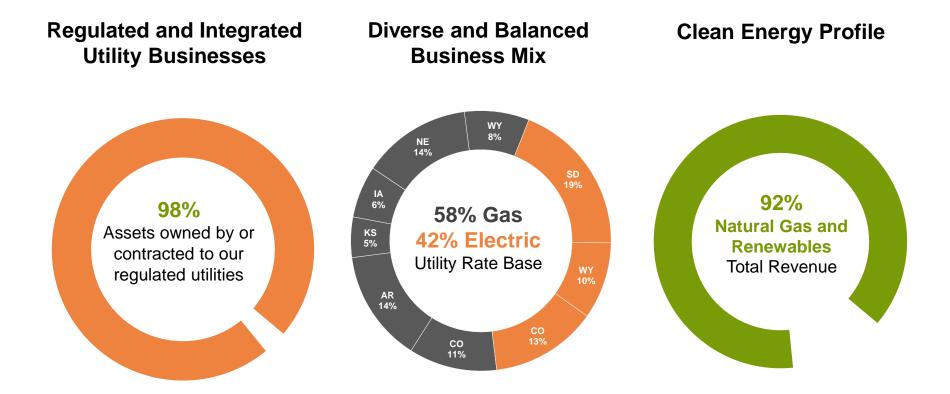
Note: information from 2022 Form 10-K Annual Report

Generation total includes 49.9 percent ownership in Colorado IPP owned by a third party, representing approximately 100 megawatts



8 stable and growing states
1.33 million utility customers
1.5 gigawatts\* generation
9,000 miles electric lines
47,000 miles natural gas lines
\$9.6 billion assets
\$5.3 billion rate base

### **Low-risk Utility Investment**



Note: Information as of Dec. 31, 2022

### **2022 Results for Stakeholders**

- Excellent team and system performance
- Regulatory execution
- Financial discipline
- Earnings and dividend growth
- Resiliency, growth and sustainability progress



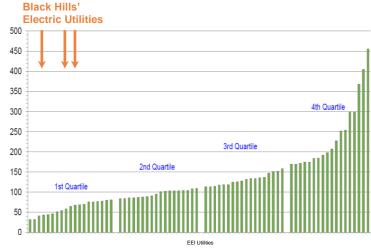
### **Excellent Team and System Performance**

- Top-quartile reliability for all three electric utilities
- Served ongoing demand growth
  - 11 new summer or winter electric demand peaks
  - 9 consecutive years of peaks at Wyoming Electric and 53% increase since 2013
  - Winter peaks at all three electric utilities in December
- Excellent team and system performance through Winter Storm Elliot and other weather challenges

### Improved customer experience

### Industry-Leading Reliability

#### EEI 2021 Overall System SAIDI (Excluding Major Events)



Source: 2021 EEI Reliability Survey based on rankings for SAIDI, or System Average Interruption Duration Index

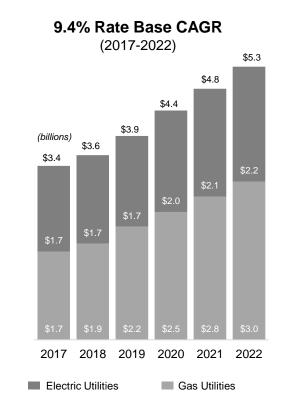
# **Financial and Regulatory Execution**

#### **Earnings and Dividend Growth**

- ✓ 6.1% EPS growth versus 2021
- 5.2% annual dividend increase
- \$598 million of capital investment in 2022

#### **Constructive Regulatory Results**

- Rate review and rider request approvals for Arkansas Gas and Wyoming Electric
- Rate review filed for Rocky Mountain Natural Gas
- Winter Storm Uri fuel cost recovery 36% complete as of year-end 2022; all required regulatory approvals received



# **Solid Financial Position**

Committed to Strong Investment-Grade Credit Ratings

### **Credit Ratings**

S&P	Moody's	Fitch							
BBB+	Baa2	BBB+							
Stable outlook	Stable outlook	Stable outlook							
(Feb. 17, 2023)	(Dec. 20, 2022)	(Oct. 6, 2022)							

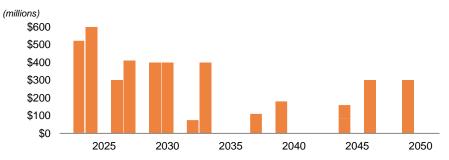
### Liquidity and Cashflow



#### **Capital Structure**\*



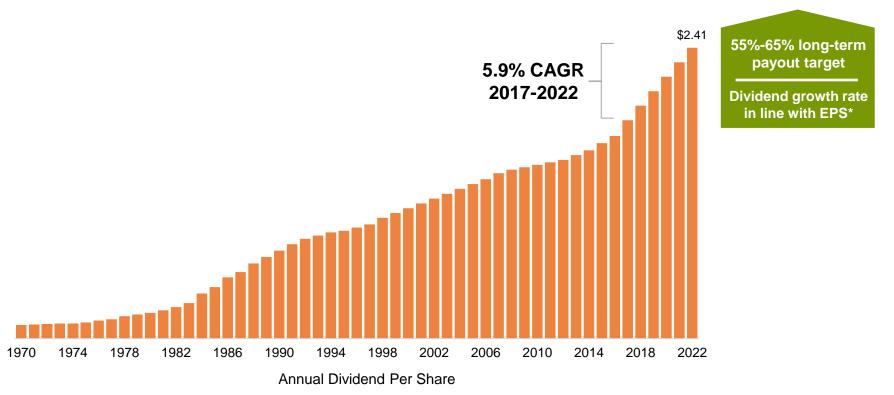
#### **Debt Maturities**



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### **Strong Dividend Track Record**

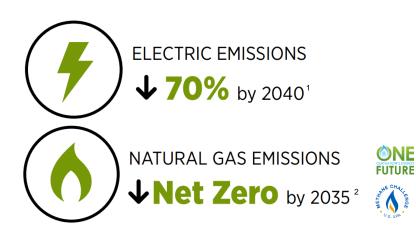
52 Consecutive Years of Annual Increases and 80 Consecutive Years Paid



\* Future dividends subject to board approval

### **Responsibly Reducing Emissions**





See more information at: www.blackhillsenergy.com/sustainability

### 2022 Progress

- Enhanced goal for gas utilities to Net Zero by 2035<sup>2</sup>
- New TCFD reporting (Task Force on Climate-Related Financial Disclosures)
- Voluntary renewable natural gas and carbon offset programs approved in Kansas and Nebraska
- Continued to support emissions reduction technology research and testing

- 1 Electric goals are based on greenhouse gas emissions intensity as compared to 2005 levels for Scope 1 emission on our owned electric generation and Scope 3 emissions for purchased power.
- 2 Net Zero goal based on Scope 1 emissions of gas distribution systems, including fugitive emissions from pipeline mains and service lines, meters, transfer stations, system damages and blow downs

### **Responsibly Maintaining Resiliency and Growth**

#### **Advancing Electric Resource Plans**

- Colorado Clean Energy Plan hearing held on settlement; if approved, provides 50% utility ownership of 400 megawatts of new renewable generation and battery storage to reduce emissions 80% by 2030
- Resource plan in South Dakota progressing; evaluating request for proposals for up to 110 megawatts of new clean energy resources

#### **Developing Customer Solutions**

- Ready Wyoming 260-mile electric transmission project approved
- Cultivating customer growth, including data centers and blockchain
- Exploring RNG expansion opportunities



### **Strategic Execution Delivers Results**



<sup>1</sup> Estimated in billions as of year end

<sup>2</sup> Earnings and EPS, as adjusted from continuing operations are non-GAAP measures; reconciled to GAAP in Appendix; earnings, as adjusted in millions

### **Questions**



# Appendix

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# **Strong Long-term Growth Outlook**



Capital Investment 2023-2027

- Incremental projects likely
- Additional growth opportunities

**4%** to **6**%

Long-term EPS growth target \*



Dividend payout target \*\*

- Integrated pure-play utility profile
- Diversified mix of electric and gas businesses
- Stable and growing service territories
- Constructive regulatory jurisdictions
- Solid financial position and liquidity
- Robust capital plan with timely recovery

\* Average annual compound growth rate off 2023 base \*\* Future dividends subject to board approval

# **2022 and Recent Highlights**

#### **Operational Excellence**

- Safety focus: 1.39 TCIR, top-quartile PMVI performance relative to industry
- Top-quartile reliability metrics for all three electric utilities (EEI 2021 SAIDI excluding major events)
- New summer and winter electric system peaks in South Dakota and Wyoming
- Excellent team response and system performance during Winter Storm Elliott and other summer and winter weather events in 2022
- ✓ \$598 million of capital investment in 2022

#### **Responsibly Reducing Emissions**

- New and enhanced ESG reporting; updated sustainability report, Net Zero target for gas utilities and new TCFD disclosures
- Emissions reduction research support emissions reduction technologies
- ✓ Six RNG interconnect projects in service

#### Finance and Regulatory Progress

- Annual dividend increased 5.2%; completed 52 consecutive years
- Arkansas Gas and Wyoming Electric rate reviews and rider requests approved
- Rocky Mountain Natural Gas rate review filed
- All Winter Storm Uri recovery approvals received and 36% of total fuel costs recovered by year-end 2022

#### **Resource and Growth Planning**

 260-mile electric transmission expansion project approved (Ready Wyoming)

Continued customer growth

- Colorado Clean Energy Plan unanimous settlement allows 50% utility ownership of 400 megawatts of new clean energy resources to achieve 80% GHG emissions intensity reduction by 2030 from 2005 base
- South Dakota and Wyoming Electric integrated resource plan filed; preparing for competitive bidding process for 110 megawatts of clean energy resources

### **2022 Earnings Overview**

EPS

\$3.97 \$3.74 \$1.82 \$1.54 \$1.11 \$1.11 \$0.70 \$0.52 \$ \$0.54 Q2 Full Year Q1 Q3 Q4 ■ 2021 2022

#### **2022 Earnings Drivers**

- New rates and rider recovery and Uri carrying cost recovery true-up
- Weather
- Off-system sales
- Customer Growth
- Higher depreciation on larger asset base
- Higher outside services, cloud computing and vehicle fuel expense
- Wygen I pricing and 2021 outage
- Higher debt balance and interest rates

\* EPS, as adjusted is a non-GAAP measure; reconciled to GAAP in Appendix

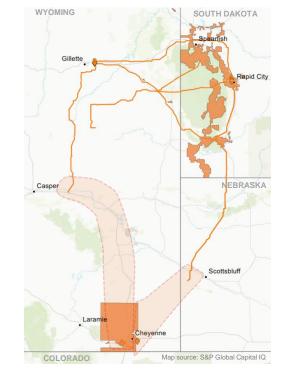
### **Ready Wyoming Electric Transmission Initiative**

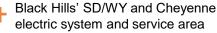
# 260-mile Project to Further Interconnect and Expand Wyoming Electric System

- Maintain long-term cost stability for customers
- Enhance system resiliency to withstand stress events
- Expand access to power markets and provide flexibility as power markets develop in Western states
- Attract and enable customer solutions such as serving data centers, blockchain customers and economic growth in Wyoming
- Expand access to renewable resources and facilitate additional renewable development across wind- and sun-rich resource area with strong natural gas optionality to back up renewables

#### **CPCN** Approved and Preparing for Construction in 2023-2025

- On Oct. 11, received bench approval from Wyoming commission
- Construction expected to commence in 2023 in multiple phases, or segments, through 2025; project included in capital forecast





Proposed transmission line route

# **Advancing Electric Resource Plans**

### Colorado Clean Energy Plan

80% by 2030 plan achieves state's legislation goal  $^{\rm 1,\,2}$ 

- Opted in to 80% by 2030 legislation
- In January, filed unanimous settlement agreement of plan for commission approval
- Issue "all source" RFP in Q2 2023

Colorado legislation allows 50% utility ownership of new resources

200-250 MW 100 MW 50 MW battery solar <sup>2</sup> wind <sup>2</sup> storage <sup>2</sup>

400 MW of clean energy resources in 2025 to 2030 <sup>2</sup>

Total of 520 MW by 2030 <sup>2,3</sup>





renewable

resources

Evaluating next

steps for adding

South Dakota and Wyoming Integrated Resource Plan  Filed integrated resource plan June 30, 2021, for jointly operated electric system

- IRP formally accepted by Wyoming Public Service Commission
- 1 Emissions reduction target for Colorado Electric from a 2005 baseline
- 2 Based on settlement agreement for plan as submitted to Colorado Public Utilities Commission
- 3 Preferred plan submitted in South Dakota and Wyoming
- Note: Potential investments from resource plans are not included in current capital forecast

- 100 MW renewable generation by 2025 <sup>3</sup>
- Evaluate 20 MW battery storage (10 MW South Dakota and 10 MW Wyoming) <sup>3</sup>

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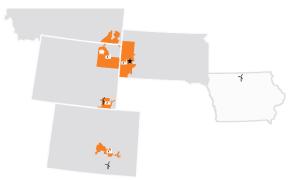
- Convert 90 MW coal-fired power plant to gas or dual fuel mix by 2025
- Evaluate and develop transmission opportunities (Ready Wyoming by 2025)
- Support research for emissionsreduction technologies

#### 120 MW of clean energy resources by 2025 <sup>3</sup>

Enhanced transmission and backup generation resiliency and optionality

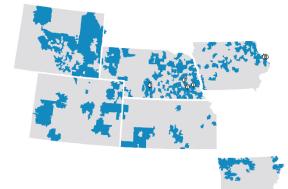
# **Operations Overview**

#### **Electric Utilities\***



Electric Utilities
 Natural Gas Utilities
 Electric and Natural Gas Utilities
 Mine
 Power Generation
 Wind Generation
 Company Headquarters

#### **Natural Gas Utilities\***



- Three electric utilities which generate, transmit and distribute electricity to approximately 220,000 customers in CO, SD, WY and MT
- > 1.5 gigawatts\*\* of generation
- 9,024 miles of transmission and distribution
- Efficient mine-mouth operations in Gillette, Wyoming fueled by low-sulfur Powder River Basin coal; mine production contracted to on site generation
- East-West interconnection in SD optimizes off-system sale of power and improves system reliability (1 of only 7 east-west interconnections in U.S.)

- 7 natural gas utilities<sup>^</sup> which distribute natural gas to approximately 1,107,000 customers in AR, CO, IA, KS, NE and WY
- 4,713 miles of intrastate gas transmission pipelines and 42,222 miles of gas distribution mains and service lines
- Seven natural gas storage facilities in AR, CO and WY with 17.4 Bcf of underground gas storage working capacity
- 52,600 customers served through Choice Gas Program (unbundled natural gas supply)
- \* Information from 2022 Form 10-K Annual Report Filing as of Dec. 31, 2022
- \*\* Includes 49.9% third party ownership of Black Hills Colorado IPP reported as noncontrolling interest
- ^ Excludes minor entities and Shoshone pipeline

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### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

#### Net Income Available for Common Stock and EPS, as adjusted

We have provided non-GAAP earnings data reflecting adjustments for special items as specified in the GAAP to non-GAAP adjustment reconciliation table in this presentation. Operating Income (loss), as adjusted, Income (loss) from continuing operations, as adjusted, and Net income (loss), as adjusted, are defined as Segment Revenue, Operating Income (loss), Income (loss) from continuing operations and Net income (loss), adjusted for expenses, gains and losses that the company believes do not reflect the company's core operating performance. The company believes that non-GAAP financial measures are useful to investors because the items excluded are not indicative of the company's continuing operating results. The company's management uses these non-GAAP financial measures as an indicator for evaluating current periods and planning and forecasting future periods.

#### Earnings per share, as adjusted and earnings from continuing operations, per share, as adjusted

Earnings per share from continuing operations available for common stock, as adjusted, and earnings from continuing operations, per share, as adjusted, are Non-GAAP financial measures. Earnings per share, as adjusted, and earnings from continuing operations available for common stock, per share, as adjusted, are defined as GAAP Earnings per share and GAAP earnings from continuing operations, adjusted for expenses, gains and losses that the Company believes do not reflect the Company's core operating performance. Examples of these types of adjustments may include unique one-time non-budgeted events, impairment of assets, acquisition and disposition costs, and other adjustments noted in the earnings reconciliation tables in this presentation. The Company is not able to provide a forward-looking quantitative GAAP to Non-GAAP reconciliation for this financial measure because we do not know the unplanned or unique events that may occur later during the year.

#### Limitations on the Use of Non-GAAP Measures

Non-GAAP measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for analysis of our results as reported under GAAP. Our presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures should not be construed as an inference that our future results will not be affected by unusual, non-routine, or non-recurring items.

Non-GAAP measures should be used in addition to and in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP. Non-GAAP measures should not be considered as an alternative to net income, operating income or any other operating performance measure prescribed by GAAP, nor should these measures be relied upon to the exclusion of GAAP financial measures. Our non-GAAP measures reflect an additional way of viewing our operations that we believe, when viewed with our GAAP results and the reconciliation to the corresponding GAAP financial measures, provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business than could be obtained absent this disclosure. Management strongly encourages investors to review our financial information in its entirety and not rely on a single financial measure.

### **Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

		Earnings, as adjusted (in millions)												Earnings Per Share, as adjusted												
Annual Earnings and EPS, as adjusted	:	2016	2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020		2021		2022
Net income (loss) available for common stock (GAAP)	\$	73.0	\$	177.0	\$	258.4	\$	199.3	\$	227.6	\$	236.7	\$ 258.4	\$	1.37	\$	3.21	\$	4.66	\$	3.28	\$	3.65	\$	3.74	\$ 3.97
Loss from discontinued operations (GAAP)		64.2		17.1		6.9		-		-		-	-		1.20		0.31		0.12		-		-		-	-
Net income from continuing operations available for common stock (GAAP)		137.1		194.1		265.3		199.3		227.6		236.7	258.4		2.57		3.52		4.78		3.28		3.65		3.74	3.97
Adjustments, after tax																										
Acquisition / integration costs		29.7		2.8		-		-		-		-	-		0.56		0.05		-		-		-		-	-
Tax reform and other tax items		-		(11.7)		4.0		-		-		-	-		-		(0.21)		0.07		-		-		-	-
Legal restructuring - income tax benefit		-		-		(72.8)		-		-		-	-		-		-		(1.31)		-		-		-	-
Impairment of investment		-		-		-		15.2		5.3		-	-		-		-		-		0.25		0.08		-	-
Rounding		0.1		0.1		-		-		-		-	-		-		-		-		-		-		-	-
Total Non-GAAP adjustments		29.8		(8.8)		(68.8)		15.2		5.3		-	-		0.56		(0.16)		(1.24)		0.25		0.08		-	-
Net income from continuing operations available for common stock, as adjusted (Non- GAAP)	\$	166.9	\$	185.3	\$	196.5	\$	214.5	\$	232.9	\$	236.7	\$ 258.4	\$	3.13	\$	3.36	\$	3.54	\$	3.53	\$	3.73	\$	3.74	\$ 3.97

Vision Be the energy partner of choice. Mission Improving life with energy.

# **Company Values**



# Customer Service We are committed to providing a superior customer experience every day.

Our partnerships with shareholders, communities, regulators, customers and each other make us all stronger.

Consistent, open and timely communication keeps us focused on our strategy and goals.

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#### Creating Value

We are committed to creating exceptional value for our shareholders, employees, customers and the communities we serve ... always.



#### Integrity

We hold ourselves to the highest standards based on a foundation of unquestionable ethics. Respect

We respect each other. Our unique talents and diversity anchor a culture of success.

Leadership

Leadership is an attitude. Everyone must demonstrate the care and initiative to do things right.



