

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24M-0062G

IN THE MATTER OF THE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. FILED PURSUANT TO 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-4-4552 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES REGULATING GAS UTILITIES.

INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION ESTABLISHING PARTIES

Mailed Date: May 28, 2024

Adopted Date: May 22, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On March 1, 2024, Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. (Black Hills) filed its initial Gas Infrastructure Plan (GIP). Black Hills made the filing consistent with provisions in the Commission's Rules Regulating Gas Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-4-4550 to 4555, that require the filing of GIPs as part of the Commission's updated regulatory framework for gas utilities, adopted through Proceeding No. 21R-0449G.

2. By Decision No. C24-0260, the Commission opened this Proceeding and established procedures for the Proceeding. This included setting a notice and intervention period ending May 10, 2024, and requiring the filing of proposed discovery parameters ten days after the Commission's decision establishing parties.

3. Trial Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Trial Staff), the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (UCA), and the Colorado Energy Office (CEO) filed timely notices of intervention by right. UCA represents the public interest and specific interests of residential, small

business, and agricultural customers under § 40-6.5-104, C.R.S. CEO represents the interests of the Colorado Governor's Office, including advocating for policies that support statewide greenhouse gas emissions reductions while reducing energy burden and improving equity. UCA requests a hearing, and Trial Staff, UCA, and CEO detail a number of issues they plan to address in this Proceeding.

4. Pursuant to Rule 4 CCR 723-1-104(b) no decision is required in response to appropriately filed notices of intervention by right. We acknowledge the interventions by right, and Trial Staff, UCA, and CEO are parties to this Proceeding.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The parties in this matter are: Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc., Trial Staff of the Public Utilities Commission, the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate, and the Colorado Energy Office.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
May 22, 2024.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Rebecca E. White,
Director

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