Decision No. C25-0653-I

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0357G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 61 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO REVISE THE GAS COST ADJUSTMENT RATE, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2025.

## INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE

Issued Date: September 8, 2025 Adopted Date: September 3, 2025

#### I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

### A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

- 1. On August 27, 2025, Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. (the "Company") filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice ("Motion") to apply to the tariff changes in the Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") that the Company seeks to implement pursuant to Advice Letter No. 61 including approval of its quarterly GCA to take effect on October 1, 2025.
- 2. The Company moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* ("CCR") 723-1, to provide alternative forms of notice for the Company's filing to its customers. The Company requests Commission approval to use the following forms of notice:
  - Filing with the Commission and keeping open for public inspection new schedules stating plainly the changes to be made in the schedules then in force and the time when the changes will go into effect in Advice Letter No. 61
  - Posting on the Company's website: (1) a Customer Notice and (2) Advice Letter No. 61 and its accompanying schedules, for 30 days beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter No. 61

- Printing a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 61 and its accompanying schedules, as well as a toll-free phone number for assistance, beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter No. 61
- Publishing the Customer Notice in *The Denver Post*, within 10 days of the date of this Motion
- 3. The Company maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice and that it will avoid incurring the expenses that is entailed in other forms of statutory notice. The Company concludes the proposed alternative forms of notice will be sufficient to alert affected and interested parties to the tariff changes the Company is proposing, including by providing notice of the estimated impact on average customers.
- 4. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b), 4 CCR 723-1, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to provide alternative forms of notice of a tariff change. We find the alternative form of notice the Company proposes in the Motion will provide sufficient notice to its customers and will do so efficiently. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative form of notice that the Company requests.

#### II. ORDER

#### A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice, filed by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc., on August 27, 2025, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

# B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING September 3, 2025.

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COMMISSIONER TOM PLANT, ABSENT

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