

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0360E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 894 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO INCREASE THE ENERGY 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. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On August 29, 2025, Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC (the “Company”) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (“Motion”) to apply to the tariff changes in its Energy Cost Adjustment (“ECA”) rate, contained on Tariff Sheet No. 65 in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff, to take effect October 1, 2025. The Company states the ECA is applicable to all retail customers.

2. The Company moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (“CCR”) 723-1, of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 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 inspection, Advice Letter No. 894- Electric. The Company will also post on its website: (1) a Customer Notice and (2) Advice Letter No. 894-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, for 30 days. The website posting will include a reference to the applicable

proceeding number. The applicable website address for the posting is: <http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/rates/applications>

- Printing a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 894-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, and a toll-free phone number for assistance, beginning within one week of the filing of Advice Letter No. 890-Electric. The bill messages will run for one full billing cycle
- Publishing a legal notice of Advice Letter No. 894-Electric in three newspapers of general circulation for the service territory: (1) *The Pueblo Chieftain* (two consecutive Tuesdays); and (2) the *Cañon City Daily Record* (two consecutive Fridays); and (3) the *Rocky Ford Daily Gazette* (two consecutive Thursdays)

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) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1, 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 Electric, LLC, on August 29, 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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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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