

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23A-0444E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC FOR AN ORDER APPROVING EXPENSES RECOVERED THROUGH THE ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT AND PURCHASED CAPACITY COST ADJUSTMENT IN 2022.

**COMMISSION DECISION DEEMING APPLICATION
COMPLETE AND GRANTING APPLICATION**

Mailed Date: October 18, 2023

Adopted Date: October 11, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On August 31, 2023, Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC (BHCE) filed an Application for approval of its Energy Cost Adjustment (“ECA”) and Purchased Capacity Cost Adjustment (“PCCA”) costs for calendar 2022 (Prudency Review Application).

2. This Decision grants the Prudency Review Application for approval of costs recovered through the Company’s ECA and PCCA in 2022, as filed.

B. Discussion

3. BHCE filed the Prudency Review Application on August 31, 2023, in accordance with the terms of a comprehensive settlement agreement approved in Proceeding No. 21A-0197E and in compliance with Decision No. C23-0020 effective January 9, 2023, requiring BHCE to include certain additional reporting requirements beginning with the 2023 prudency review filing, associated with the Company’s 2022 and 2021 ECA and PCCA costs.

4. No pleadings to intervene in this matter were filed by any party.
5. The Commission deems the application complete.

C. Findings and Conclusions

6. As the Prudency Review Application is unopposed, the Commission may consider the matter under modified procedures and without a hearing pursuant to the provisions of § 40-6-106, C.R.S., and Rule 4 CCR 723-1-1403.

7. We find good cause to grant the Prudency Review Application as filed.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Application for an order approving expenses recovered through the Energy Cost Adjustment and the Purchased Capacity Cost Adjustment for calendar 2022, filed by Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC on August 31, 2023, is deemed complete and granted consistent with the discussion above.

2. The 20-day period provided by § 40-6-114, C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the effective date of this Decision.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 11, 2023.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Rebecca E. White,
Director

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