

Decision No. C24-0411-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24AL-0257G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 46 OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO AMEND ITS GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TO TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1, 2024.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF NOTICE**

Mailed Date: June 13, 2024

Adopted Date: June 5, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On May 31, 2024, Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. (Black Hills or Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 46 (Advice Letter), through which the Company seeks to change its Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) rate. The proposed tariff amendment will modify GCA rates, and the GT-1 rate effective July 1, 2024.

2. Black Hills 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. Black Hills requests Commission approval to use the following forms of notice:

- Filing with the Commission and keeping open for 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 the Advice Letter.
- Posting on Company's website: (1) a Customer Notice attached to the Advice Letter as Attachment No. 7 and (2) the Advice Letter and its accompanying schedules, for thirty (30) days beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter.
- Printing a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and the Advice Letter with its accompanying schedules, as well as a toll-free phone number for assistance, beginning within one week after the filing of the Advice Letter.
- Publishing the Customer Notice, with size dimensions of four columns width and 11 inches height, in *The Denver Post* a newspaper of general circulation for the service territory on published on one occasion, within ten (10) days of the date of this Motion.

3. Black Hills 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 4 CCR 723-1-1207(b) 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 forms 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 forms of notice that the Company requests.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice, filed by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc., on May 31, 2024, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
June 5, 2024.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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