

Decision No. C24-0504-I

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

PROCEEDING NO. 24AL-0300G

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IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 48 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC, DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO INCREASE THE SYSTEM SAFETY AND INTEGRITY RIDER, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2024.

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

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Issued Date: July 12, 2024

Adopted Date: July 10, 2024

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions**

1. On July 1, 2024, Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. (“Black Hills” or “the Company”) filed a Motion for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice (“Motion”) to apply to the Company’s Advice Letter No. 48, proposed to take effect on August 1, 2024. Black Hills states that through Advice Letter No. 48, the Company seeks to implement tariff changes to the System Safety and Integrity Rider.

2. Black Hills 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. Black Hills 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. 48

- Posting on Black Hills' website the Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 48 and its accompanying schedules for 60 days, beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter No. 48
- Printing a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 48 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. 48
- 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 one occasion, within ten days of the date of the Motion

3. Black Hills maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice, and this will avoid incurring the expenses associated with 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 changes the Company is proposing.

4. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b), 4 CCR 723-1, 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 in an efficient manner. 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 Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice, filed by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. on July 1, 2024, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
July 10, 2024.**