

Decision No. C24-0640-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 16A-0436E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, INC.
FOR (1) APPROVAL OF ITS 2016 ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN, AND (2) APPROVAL OF
ITS 2018-2021 RES COMPLIANCE PLAN.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
SECOND MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Issued Date: September 5, 2024

Adopted Date: September 4, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On August 30, 2024, Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Trial Staff” or “Staff”) filed a Second Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Review of Black Hills Colorado Electric’s 2023 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report and for a Waiver of Response Time to the Motion (“Motion”). Trial Staff’s Motion requests the Commission further extend the deadline to file its review of the 2023 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report (“Compliance Report”) filed by Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC (“Black Hills”) as required in Rule 3663(a) of the Commission’s Rules Regulating Electric Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (“CCR”) 723-3, and that the response time to the Motion be waived.

2. Black Hills filed its Compliance Report on May 31, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 3663(a)(III), 4 CCR 723-3, Staff’s recommendations to the Commission are due within 60 days of Black Hills’ filing.

3. On August 1, 2024, Staff filed an initial motion for extension of time to review Black Hills' Compliance Report. The Commission, through Decision No. C24-0586-I, granted Staff's motion and extended the deadline to file its review to August 30, 2024, and waived response time.

4. Trial Staff now requests a second extension of time, stating that while it was finalizing its report it noticed an issue regarding adjustments to revenue from the Company-owned Peak View Wind facility that requires further investigation. Staff requests an extension of time to September 13, 2024. Staff states its Motion is unopposed, as confirmed through correspondence with Black Hills, and that no party will be prejudiced by the extension and waiver of response time.

5. We find good cause to grant Trial Staff's Motion seeking a two-week extension of time and will extend the deadline for Trial Staff to file its review of Black Hills' Compliance Report to 5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2024.

6. We waive response time to the Motion as Trial Staff represents it is unopposed.

II. ORDER

A. **It Is Ordered That:**

1. The Second Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Review of Black Hills Colorado Electric's 2023 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report and for a Waiver of Response Time to The Motion ("Motion") filed by Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission ("Trial Staff") on August 30, 2024, is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. Response time to Trial Staff's Motion is waived.

3. The deadline for Trial Staff to file its review of Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC's 2023 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report is extended to 5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2024.

4. This Decision is effective immediately on its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
September 4, 2024.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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