

Decision No. C24-0654

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

PROCEEDING NO. 24M-0384EG

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IN THE MATTER OF ENERGY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM BENEFIT CHARGE FOR 2024-2025 PURSUANT TO 4 CCR 723-3-3412 AND 4 CCR 723-4-4412 TO BE EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024.

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**COMMISSION DECISION OPENING MISCELLANEOUS  
PROCEEDING AND APPROVING ENERGY ASSISTANCE  
SYSTEM BENEFIT CHARGE FOR 2024-2025**

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Issued Date: September 11, 2024

Adopted Date: September 4, 2024

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. The Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge (“EASBC”) is a fixed monthly charge collected by the regulated electric and gas utilities from all ratepayers unless they opt-out or are otherwise exempted. The EASBC was enacted as a result of Colorado House Bill 21-1105 and is codified in statute at § 40-8.7- 104(2.5), C.R.S. EASBC provides financial funding for income-qualified energy assistance programs.

2. The Rule 4412(m) of the Rules Regulating Gas Utilities 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (“CCR”) 723-4 and Rule 3412(m) of the Rules Regulating Electric Utilities 4 CCR 723-3, provide for the EASBC to be adjusted for inflation annually in accordance with changes in the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood beginning on October 1, 2024.

3. The Rule 4412(m)(I) of the Rules Regulating Gas Utilities 4 CCR 723-4 and Rule 3412(m)(I) of the Rules Regulating Electric Utilities 4 CCR 723-3 directs Commission staff to compute the charge adjusted by the index and to send a letter to each utility stating the EASBC charge to be paid by customers during the next calendar year.

**B. Discussion and Findings**

4. Staff has considered inflation in accordance with changes in the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood for All Items, for the latest available period of July 2023 to July 2024, at 1.9 percent (Reference: [https://www.bls.gov/regions/mountain-plains/news-release/consumerpriceindex\\_denver.htm](https://www.bls.gov/regions/mountain-plains/news-release/consumerpriceindex_denver.htm)).

5. The EASBC, therefore, is computed as USD 0.81 (US Cents Eighty-One) for period starting October 1, 2024.

6. The following table summarizes the applicable EASBC charge:

<b>Effective On and After</b>	<b>Rate Schedules</b>	<b>EASBC - Monthly Charge</b>
October 1, 2021	All	\$0.50
October 1, 2022	All	\$0.75
October 1, 2023	All	\$0.79
October 1, 2024	All	\$0.81

7. The increase in monthly EASBC for 2024-2025 effective October 1, 2024 is, thus, \$0.02.

**II. ORDER**

**A. The Commission Orders That:**

- 1. A new Miscellaneous Proceeding (“M-docket”) is opened.
- 2. For 2024-2025, a new monthly Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge (“EASBC”) of \$0.81 is approved. This shall be effective from October 1, 2024.
- 3. The Public Utilities Commission Director is directed to issue a letter notifying the EASBC for 2024-2025 and that be filed in the new M-docket.

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

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