

Decision No. C24-0752

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24L-0429G

IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO CORRECT TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS ON TARIFF SHEET NOS. 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, AND 25, GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TARIFF SHEETS ON LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE AND WITHOUT A FORMAL HEARING.

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

Issued Date: October 17, 2024

Adopted Date: October 16, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On October 4, 2024, Black Hills Colorado Gas Inc., doing business as Black Hills Energy (“BHCG” or the “Company”) filed a Verified Application to update its Gas Cost Adjustment (“GCA”) rates. Black Hills seeks a Commission order authorizing it, without formal hearing and on less-than-statutory notice, to correct typographical errors for the Central Region’s Gas Cost Adjustment on Tariff Sheet Nos. 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 25 to be effective October 21, 2024.

2. On August 30, 2024, the Company filed Advice Letter No. 50 to implement new GCA rates to be effective October 1, 2024, in Proceeding No. 24AL-0374G. Several amended advice letters, related to corrections, have been submitted by the Company related to this filing.

3. On September 20, 2024, the Company filed an Amended Advice Letter No. 50 to amend the Total GCA rate for the central region to the cap of \$0.40 as reflected in Tariff Sheet Nos. 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 and 65.

4. On September 23, 2024, the Company filed a Second Amended Advice Letter No. 50 to correct the headers and footers on Tariff Sheet Nos. 22, 24, and 25. 4. At the September 25, 2024 Commissioner’s Weekly Meeting, Advice Letter No. 50, as amended, was allowed to go into effect by operation of law on October 1, 2024.

5. This item relates to the Commodity and Upstream Pipeline costs that sum to the Total GCA rate which were inadvertently switched in the tariff sheets included with the Amended Advice Letter and Second Amended Advice letter. The Total GCA rate of \$0.40 is correct on those tariff sheets but typographical errors for the Commodity and Upstream costs for the Central GCA Region on Sheet Nos. 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 25 were included. The Commodity rate should be \$0.27406, and the Upstream Pipeline rate should be \$0.12594 and are corrected in this application.

B. Discussion and Findings

6. Pursuant to Rules 4002(a) and 4109(b) of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”) Rules Regulating Gas Utilities and Pipeline Operators (“Gas Rules”), Colorado PUC E-Filings System 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations 723-4*, the Company submitted a Verified Application respectfully requesting an order from the Commission authorizing BHCG, on less than statutory notice, to correct typographical errors for the Central Region’s GCA on Tariff Sheet Nos. 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 24, and 25 to be effective October 21, 2024.

7. BHCG requests that the Commission deem the Verified Application complete and grant the relief sought herein through its modified procedures, without a hearing, as provided in Section 40-6-109(5), C.R.S., and Commission Rule 1403.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Verified Application filed by Black Hills Colorado Gas Inc., doing business as Black Hills Energy (the “Company”) filed on October 4, 2024, for a Commission order authorizing it, without formal hearing and on less- than- statutory notice, to correct typographical errors for the Central Region’s Gas Cost Adjustment on Tariff Sheet Nos. 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, and 25, is deemed complete within the meaning of § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S., and is granted.

2. The Company is authorized to file, on **one** business day’s notice, the Tariff Sheet setting forth the Gas Cost Adjustment as attached to this Decision as Appendix A, to be effective on or after its effective date of October 21, 2024.

3. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file an Application for Rehearing, Reargument, or Reconsideration begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

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

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 16, 2024.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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