

Decision No. C25-0268-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0140E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 886 - ELECTRIC FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, INC. DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 11 TO REVISE THE TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMS RIDER (TEPR), TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2025.

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

Issued Date: April 10, 2025
Adopted Date: April 2, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On March 31, 2025, Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC (“Black Hills” or the “Company”) filed a Motion for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice (“Motion”) to apply to Advice Letter No. 886- Electric which seeks to amend its Transportation Electrification Programs Rider (“TEPR”) rate, contained on Tariff Sheet No. 112 in the Rates section of its Colo. PUC No. 11-Electric Tariff.

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, 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, Advice Letter No. 886- Electric. Black Hills will also post on its website at the time of filing: a Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 886-Electric with its accompanying tariff sheet, for thirty (30) days. The website posting will include a reference to the applicable proceeding number.
- Printing a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice, Advice Letter No. 886-Electric, the accompanying tariff sheet, and a toll-free phone number for assistance, beginning within one week of the filing of Advice Letter No. 886-Electric.
- Publishing a legal notice of Advice Letter No. 886-Electric in three newspapers of general circulation for the service territory: 1) *The Pueblo Chieftain* (two consecutive Tuesdays); and 2) the *Cañon City Daily Record* (two consecutive Fridays); and 3) the *Rocky Ford Daily Gazette* (two consecutive Thursdays).

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 states it believes that through noticing customers via bill messages, legal notice publication, and the required website posting, the Company will be able to reach all customers in the service territory in an affordable and efficient manner. 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 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 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 Electric, LLC on March 31, 2025, is granted.

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

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 2, 2025.**

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