

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0139G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 55 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO DECREASE THE SYSTEM SAFETY AND INTEGRITY RIDER, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2025.

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

Issued Date: April 16, 2025

Adopted Date: April 9, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On April 2, 2025, Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc., doing business as Black Hills Energy, (“Black Hills” or the “Company”) filed a Motion for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice (“Motion”) to apply to the tariff changes to the System Safety and Integrity Rider (“SSIR”) that Black Hills seeks to implement pursuant to Advice Letter No. 55 to take effect on May 1, 2025.

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 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. 55.

- Posting on Black Hills' website: (1) a Customer Notice attached to Advice Letter No. 55 as Attachment D and (2) Advice Letter No. 55 and Attachment A - Proposed Tariffs, for sixty (60) days beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter No. 55
- Printing a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 55 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. 55.
- Publishing the Customer Notice in *The Denver Post*, a newspaper of general circulation for the service territory. The Customer Notice will be published on one occasion, within ten (10) days of the date of this Motion.

3. Black Hills maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice, and explains the alternative form of notice 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 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 Gas, Inc. on April 2, 2025, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 9, 2025.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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