Decision No. C25-0781

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25L-0434G

IN THE MATTER OF APPLICATION OF COLORADO NATURAL GAS FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO PUT INTO EFFECT CERTAIN GAS RATE ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS GAS COST RECOVERY RATES ON LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE.

COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REVISIONS OF GAS COST RECOVERY RATE ADJUSTMENTS

Issued Date: October 29, 2025
Adopted Date: October 29, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statements

1. On October 15, 2025, Colorado Natural Gas, Inc. ("CNG" or "Applicant"), filed a Verified Application seeking a Commission order authorizing it, without formal hearing and on less-than-statutory notice, to place into effect on November 1, 2025, tariffs resulting in a decrease in all of its GCA divisions, with the exception of the Cripple Creek Rate Area which had a slight increase, to its current natural gas rates now on file with the Commission. We find that the application contains all the information required by the Commission's Rules and is therefore complete.

2. The proposed tariffs are attached to the application and would affect Applicant's customers in the following Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") Regions: Bailey, Cripple Creek, Pueblo West, and Eastern Colorado.

3. CNG acknowledges that it has read and agrees to abide by the provisions of Rules 4002(b)(IV) through (VI) and Rules 4002(b)(XI)(A) through (C) of the Rules Regulating Gas Utilities and Pipeline Operators, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-4.

4. This application for authority to modify the rates is made pursuant to § 40-3-104(2), C.R.S., and Rule 4109(b)(II), 4 CCR 723-4.

B. Findings of Fact

5. Applicant is an operating public utility subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission, and it is engaged in the distribution and resale of natural gas for domestic, mechanical, or public uses in and around the communities of Bailey, Cripple Creek, Pueblo West, and the communities served by the Eastern Colorado Division.

6. CNG's natural gas requirements for its four separate service areas are met through firm gas sales agreements, and a separate deferred account is maintained for each area. Supplies needed to serve CNG's Bailey area are transported for delivery to CNG's system via Public Service Company of Colorado's ("PSCo") system. CNG's Pueblo West service area is supplied by PSCo and Colorado Interstate Gas ("CIG"). CNG's Cripple Creek Service area is supplied by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. ("BHCG") and CIG. CNG's Eastern Colorado Division is supplied by CIG. Pipeline delivery services provided by PSCo and BHCG are subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission.

7. The Commission expects Applicant to negotiate the lowest price for supplies of natural gas that are consistent with the provisions of the Natural Gas Policy Act of 1978, 15 U.S.C. §§ 3301-3432 and applicable federal regulations or determinations made pursuant to applicable federal regulations.

8. The Commission's Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) Rules at 4 CCR 723-4-4602(b) require that CNG revise its GCA rates at least twice per year to be effective on November 1 and April 1 of each year. The instant filing is intended to comply with this requirement.

9. The purposes of the revision of Applicant's gas rates are: (1) to modify the level of natural gas costs charged to Applicant based on prices to be in effect starting November 1, 2025 applied to normalized forecasted purchase and sales volumes during the same test period; (2) to reflect costs for upstream pipeline services anticipated to be charged to Applicant by interconnecting pipelines for the same period; and (3) to adjust for previous under or over recovered gas cost balance in Applicant's Deferred Gas Cost Account No. 191 as of June 30, 2025.

10. The revisions amount to an annualized revenue decrease of $1,801,424 or approximately a 7.10 percent decrease. The Bailey Division will see a decrease of approximately $350,741 or 3.02 percent, the Pueblo West division will see a $1,125,770 decrease or approximately 16.90 percent, Cripple Creek will see a $44,856 increase which represents approximately a 1.32 percent increase, and Eastern Colorado will see a decrease of $369,768 or approximately a 10.02 percent decrease.

11. CNG acknowledges its obligation under Rule 4604 to publish notice of the subject filing within three days after the filing of this application. Pursuant to Rule 1206(f)(I), Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1, the filing of this application has been or will be brought to the attention of Applicant's affected customers by publication in *The Denver Post*, a newspaper of general circulation in the areas affected.

12. The Commission finds good cause to allow the proposed revision on less-than-statutory notice.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Application filed by Colorado Natural Gas, Inc. (“CNG”) on October 15, 2025, for authority to change tariffs on less-than-statutory notice is deemed complete, for purposes of § 40-6-109.5 C.R.S.

2. CNG is authorized to file on not less than one business day’s notice the tariffs attached as Appendix A to this Decision, in a separate new advice letter and tariff proceeding. These tariffs shall be effective for actual gas sales on or after their effective date of November 1, 2025.

3. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114, C.R.S., to file an Application for Rehearing, Reargument, or Reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the effective date of this Decision.

4. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING October 29, 2025.

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