

Decision No. R25-0504-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25A-0062E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC
FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2025 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN.

**INTERIM DECISION GRANTING MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME**

Issued Date: July 3, 2025

I. STATEMENT, DISCUSSION, AND CONCLUSIONS

1. On January 31, 2025, Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC (“Black Hills”) filed its Application (“Application”) for Approval of its 2025-2029 Distribution System Plan (“DSP”). By Decision No. C25-0221-I, issued March 25, 2025, the Commission set the matter for hearing, acknowledged the interventions as of right filed by the Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”) and the Colorado Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (“UCA”), and designated Commissioner Eric Blank as Hearing Commissioner for this Proceeding pursuant to § 40-6-101(2), C.R.S.

2. Decision No. R25-0332-I, issued May 1, 2025, included the Hearing Commissioner’s adoption of a stipulated procedural schedule. As relevant to this Decision, the adopted procedural schedule set a July 2, 2025, deadline to file a stipulation or settlement.

3. On July 2, 2025, Black Hills filed an Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Stipulation/Settlement (“Motion”). In the Motion, Black Hills states that Black Hills, Staff, and UCA have made substantial progress discussing settlement terms over the past few weeks and

are optimistic a comprehensive settlement may be reached in the next several days. It requests a one-week extension of time, through and including July 9, 2025, within which to file a settlement agreement.

4. Black Hills states that Staff and UCA support the Motion and the relief requested herein. Therefore, Black Hills requests that response time to the Motion be waived.

5. The Hearing Commissioner finds good cause to grant the unopposed Motion and waive remaining response time. The deadline to file a settlement or stipulation is therefore extended by one week, through and including July 9, 2025.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Unopposed Motion for Extension of Time to File Stipulation/Settlement Filed by Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC on July 2, 2025 (“Motion”), is granted.

2. The July 2, 2025 deadline to file a stipulation or settlement set by Decision No. R25-0332-I is extended by one week, through and including July 9, 2025.

3. The remaining response time to the Motion is waived.

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

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ERIC BLANK

Hearing Commissioner

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director