

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20A-0379G

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. FOR
AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT A SYSTEM SAFETY AND INTEGRITY RIDER AS
PART OF ITS GAS TARIFF AND TO UNDERTAKE ITS PROPOSED AT-RISK METER
RELOCATION AND CUSTOMER-OWNED YARD LINE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING JOINT
MOTION, APPROVING MODIFIED PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE, AND VACATING AND RESCHEDULING
EVIDENTIARY HEARING**

Mailed Date: February 26, 2021

Adopted Date: February 24, 2021

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On January 13, 2021, by Decision No. C21-0026-I, the Commission granted a Joint Motion to Vacate Scheduling Conference and Approve Proposed Procedural Schedule, Discovery Procedures, and Confidentiality Procedures filed by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. (Black Hills or the Company), Staff of the Commission (Staff), the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), and Bachelor Gulch Village Association (BGVA). The Commission scheduled an evidentiary hearing for April 12-14, 2021 in accordance with the approved procedural schedule.

2. On February 19, 2021, Black Hills, Staff, the OCC, and BGVA filed a Joint Motion to Revise Procedural Schedule (Joint Motion).

3. This Decision grants the Joint Motion. The evidentiary hearing scheduled for April 12-14, 2021 is vacated and rescheduled to April 28-30, 2021. Certain other procedural deadlines are also modified, as explained below. However, the provisions for discovery and confidentiality

procedures are unchanged from those approved by Decision No. C21-0026-I. The Public Comment Hearing also remains scheduled for April 1, 2021.

B. Discussion

4. Black Hills, Staff, the OCC, and BGVA (collectively the Joint Movants) explain in the Joint Motion that Commission Advisory Staff requested the parties to this Proceeding confer to determine if the previously approved evidentiary hearing can be rescheduled to later dates. The Joint Movants conferred on potential new dates for the hearing and propose the following modifications to the procedural schedule established by Decision No. C21-0026-I:

	Date Approved by Decision No. C21-0026-I	Proposed Revised Date
Answer Testimony	February 25, 2021	March 9, 2021
Rebuttal/Cross Answer Testimony	March 19, 2021	April 5, 2021
Prehearing and Dispositive Motions	April 2, 2021	April 16, 2021
Corrected Testimony and Attachments	April 2, 2021	April 16, 2021
Stipulations and Settlement	April 5, 2021	April 21, 2021
Matrix of Witnesses and Cross- Examination Times	April 5, 2021	April 21, 2021
Evidentiary Hearing	April 12-14, 2021	April 28-30, 2021
Statements of Position	April 30, 2021	May 14, 2021

5. The Joint Movants request waiver of response time to the Joint Motion, stating that because all parties to this Proceeding have joined in the Joint Motion, no party will be prejudiced by granting the motion or by waiving response time.

C. Findings and Conclusions

6. We appreciate the willingness of the parties to this Proceeding to rework the procedural schedule and to move the hearing dates to later in April. We find good cause to grant the Joint Motion and adopt the modified procedural dates set forth in the motion.

7. The Public Comment Hearing scheduled by Decision No. C21-0026-I will remain on April 1, 2021. Likewise, we make no changes to the discovery procedures and confidentiality procedures established by Decision No. C21-0026-I.

II. ORDER**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The Joint Motion to Revise Procedural Schedule filed on February 19, 2021 by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc., Staff of the Commission, the Office of Consumer Counsel, and Bachelor Gulch Village Association (Joint Motion) is granted, consistent with the above discussion.

2. Response time to the Joint Motion is waived.

3. The modified procedural schedule proposed in the Joint Motion is approved.

4. The evidentiary hearing dates of April 12-14, 2021 as scheduled by Decision No. C21-0026-I are vacated, consistent with the above discussion.

5. The evidentiary hearing in this Proceeding is rescheduled as follows:

DATE: April 28-30, 2021

TIME: 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. April 28, 2021 and
9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. April 29 and 30, 2021

WEBCAST: Commission Hearing Room A

METHOD: By video conference using GoToMeetings at link that will be provided to Parties by e-mail.

6. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
February 24, 2021.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

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