

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22AL-0418E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 833 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO DECREASE THE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT COST ADJUSTMENT, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.

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

Mailed Date: October 5, 2022
Adopted Date: October 5, 2022

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On September 30, 2022, Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, doing business as Black Hills Energy (Black Hills or the Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 833-Electric. Through the Advice Letter, Black Hills seeks to amend its Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment (DSMCA) calculation inputs, contained on Tariff Sheet No. 71 in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff. The DSMCA is applicable to all retail customers. Black Hills states the proposed tariff amendment will decrease the DSMCA rate from 2.48 percent to 2.43 percent, beginning January 1, 2023. Black Hills states this rate is intended to recover the approved 2023 DSM budget, from Proceeding No. 21A-0166E, of \$7,189,332.

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 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and

Procedure, to provide alternative forms of notice to its customers for the Company's filing. Black Hills requests the Commission approve the following forms of notice:

- Filing with the Commission, and keeping open for inspection Advice Letter No. 833-Electric, in addition to posting on its website at the time of the filing: (1) the customer notice attached to the Motion as Attachment 1 (Customer Notice); and (2) Advice Letter No. 833-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, for 30 days;
- Printing a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the customer notice and Advice Letter No. 833-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, and a toll-free phone number for assistance, beginning within one week of the filing of Advice Letter No. 833-Electric for one full billing cycle with a bill message as set forth in the Motion; and
- Publishing the Customer Notice in three newspapers of general circulation for the service territory for two consecutive weeks, each as set forth in the Motion.

3. Black Hills maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice. The Company represents the alternative forms of notice provide visibility to its customers, alternative options to learn more about the tariff changes, and ensure general notice to customers throughout the Company's service territory in an expeditious and economic manner.

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 to its customers and will do so efficiently. 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 Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice, filed by Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC on September 30, 2022, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 5, 2022.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

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