

Decision No. C25-0780

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25L-0430G

IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF DURANGO MOUNTAIN UTILITIES FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING CERTAIN GAS COST ADJUSTMENTS TO ITS RATES ON LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE AND FOR CERTAIN WAIVERS.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
REVISIONS OF GAS COST RATE ADJUSTMENTS**

Issued Date: October 29, 2025

Adopted Date: October 29, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statements

1. Durango Mountain Utilities (“DMU” or the “Applicant”) filed a Verified Application to update its Gas Cost Adjustment (“GCA”) rates. DMU seeks a Commission order authorizing it, without a formal hearing and on less-than-statutory notice, to place into effect on November 1, 2025, a tariff resulting in an overall increase to its existing Gas rates on file with the Commission; and that the Commission grant certain waivers from the *Rules Regulating Gas Utilities and Pipeline Operators*, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (“CCR”) 723-4. The Application contains all the materials required by the applicable Commission Rules and therefore is deemed complete.

2. The proposed tariff is attached to the application and affects the Applicant's customers.

3. DMU 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) 4 CCR 723-4.

4. This Application for authority to add a new tariff or change an existing tariff is made pursuant to § 40-3-104 C.R.S., and Rule 4109(b)(II).

B. Findings of Fact

5. The Applicant is an operating public utility subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission and is engaged in, *inter alia*, the purchase, distribution, transportation, and sale of Propane Gas for domestic, mechanical or public uses in the State of Colorado.

6. Commission Decision No. C14-0439 issued April 29, 2014, in Proceeding No. 14AL-0127G requires that DMU request a revision to its Gas Cost Adjustment (“GCA”) rates to be effective on November 1 of each year. The instant filing is intended to comply with this requirement.

7. The effect of the above revisions is to lower the current commodity charge to ratepayers to \$1.21/gallon from \$1.23/gallon to be in effect November 1, 2025, through October 31, 2026.

8. Pursuant to Rule 1003, *Rules of Practice and Procedure*, 4 CCR 723-1, in the Application DMU requests waivers from (1) Rules 4604(f) and (g) concerning the presentation of GCA Exhibit Nos. 5 and 6, respectively; Rule 4604(d); Rule 4604(I) and (2) Rules 4604(h)(IV) and 4002(d) concerning certain notice requirements.

9. Rule 4604(f) and (g) of the Commission Rules require the utility to provide forecasted gas transportation demand and gas cost allocations. Since DMU does not provide gas transportation, and has only one rate class, the requested waiver is reasonable and within the public interest.

10. Rule 4604(d) requires the utility to provide month-by-month information detailing in Account No. 191, including the interest on under or over recovery. The Company's revenues and deferred amounts are insignificant and thus the interest calculation is *de minimis*.

11. Rules 4604(h)(IV) and 4002(d) of the Commission's Rules concern notice requirements. DMU states their customers have primary residences outside of the Durango area and thus publication of the notice is not required as DMU uses a secondary service to directly mail notice to each of their customers.

12. Rules 4605 through 4608 of the Commission's Rules concern Gas Purchase Plans and Gas Purchase Reports. The Company states it serves a limited-service territory and its prices are limited to a discrete number of available suppliers through over-the-road delivery only. The over-the-road suppliers in turn only forecast their pricing over one-year periods. DMU does not have access to gas markets.

13. Rule 4412 of the Commission's Rules concern the implementation of a Gas Low Income Program. The Company states the vast majority of their customers receive gas service to a second home and estimates that less than three percent of their customers use their home as a primary residence. DMU states it has not seen evidence that such a program is necessary within their service territory. To the Company's knowledge, their customers have not received LEAP or other assistance from Colorado Agencies that support emergency assistance for low-income customers.

14. The Commission finds good cause to allow the proposed tariff on less-than-statutory notice and shall grant the requested waivers.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Verified Application filed by Durango Mountain Utilities LLC (“DMU”) is deemed complete, for purposes of § 40-6-109.5 C.R.S.
2. The Application filed by DMU for authority to change its tariffs on less-than-statutory notice is granted.
3. The request DMU for a waiver of Rules 4002(d); Rule 4604(f), (g) and (h)(IV); Rule 4604(d); 4605-4608, 4412, and 4202(a) of 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-4, is granted.
4. DMU is authorized to file, not less than a business days’ notice, the Tariff as attached to this Decision as Appendix A and made a part of this Decision. The tariff shall be effective for actual gas sales on or after the effective Date of November 1, 2025.
5. 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.

6. This Decision is effective on its Issued Date.

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

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