

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0291G

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS/COLORADO GAS UTILITY COMPANY, LP, D/B/A BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE TO REVISE ITS ANNUAL GAS DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE TO TAKE EFFECT ON JULY 1, 2014.

**DECISION GRANTING APPLICATION IN PART
FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE
AND WAIVING RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: April 9, 2014
Adopted Date: April 9, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of an Application for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice to Revise its Annual Gas Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment Clause (Application), filed by Black Hills/Colorado Gas Utility Company, LP (Black Hills or Company) on April 1, 2014.

2. Black Hills requests that the Commission enter an order approving an alternative form of notice pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(D), C.R.S., that will apply to the Gas Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment (G-DSMCA) Application, filed by Black Hills on April 1, 2014. The G-DSMCA Application would affect applicable residential and non-residential customers beginning July 1, 2014.

3. Specifically, Black Hills seeks Commission approval to use the following form of alternative notice:

- a. Filing with the Commission, and keeping open for inspection, the G-DSMCA Application;
- b. Posting on the website for Black Hills Energy: (1) a Customer Notice attached as Exhibit 1 and (2) the G-DSMCA Application and its accompanying schedules, for 60 days beginning with the date of filing the G-DSMCA Application; and
- c. Printing a message on each customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and the G-DSMCA Application and its accompanying schedules, and a toll free phone number for assistance, beginning with the first bill cycle after filing the G-DSMCA.

4. Black Hills argues there is good cause for the alternative form of notice because it will be expeditious, economic, and visible to customers.

5. The Application contains the information required by the applicable Commission rules and is therefore deemed complete.

6. We find good cause to grant the Application, in part, and to waive response time to it. However, to ensure that the G-DSMCA Application will reach the stakeholders and the general public, we order Black Hills to publish legal notice of the advice letter in a newspaper of general circulation in the Company's service territory for two consecutive Sundays, and to serve the advice letter and accompanied tariff sheets on all parties in Proceeding No. 11A-393G. With these additions, we find that the alternative form of notice is reasonable. The Commission will discuss the merits of the G-DSMCA Application at a future date.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Application for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice to Revise its Annual Gas Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment Clause, filed by

Black Hills/Colorado Gas Utility Company, LP on April 1, 2014 is granted, in part, and response time is waived.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 9, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

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