

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14AL-0902E

IN THE MATTER OF THE ADVICE LETTER NO 686, TARIFF NO. 9 FILED BY BLACK HILLS/COLORADO ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANY, LP FOR APPROVAL OF THE ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT (ECA) DATA CONSISTENT WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE COST ADJUSTMENT METHODOLOGY, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2014.

**DECISION GRANTING MOTION
FOR PARTIAL WAIVER OF ENERGY
COST ADJUSTMENT TARIFF**

Mailed Date: September 24, 2014
Adopted Date: September 24, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a Motion for Partial Waiver (Motion) from the requirements of Energy Cost Adjustment (ECA) tariff, filed on August 29, 2014, by Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP (Black Hills).

2. Black Hills has on file with the Commission its approved tariffs which specify the method for calculating and recovering Black Hills' quarterly ECA. In accordance with that tariff, on August 29, 2014, Black Hills filed Advice Letter No. 686, in this case to not revise the ECA rate. By Decision No. C14-0735, Proceeding No. 14AL-0577E issued July 1, 2014, this Commission granted Black Hills' Motion to revise its ECA rate to recover 50 percent of the under recovered deferred balance with the remaining 50 percent, approximately \$3.7 million, to be recovered in the ECA effective October 1, 2014. With this Motion, Black Hills is filing its ECA to include a portion of the \$3.7 million referenced above and delaying approximately

\$936,000 until the ECA effective on January 1, 2015. Black Hills is also requesting a waiver of the 14-day response time to the Motion.

3. Black Hills states it has conferred with Staff of the Commission and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel concerning this Motion, both of whom are unopposed.

4. We find the Motion states good cause. We therefore grant the Motion and waive response time. However, if Black Hills is sure this will be a recurring situation, the Company should consider requesting a permanent change in the tariff language for the ECA.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Motion for Partial Waiver from the requirements of Energy Cost Adjustment tariff, filed on August 29, 2014, by Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
September 24, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners

COMMISSIONER PAMELA J. PATTON
ABSENT.