

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 19AL-0075G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. TO PLACE IN EFFECT ITS NEW P.U.C. VOLUME NO. 1 TARIFF ESTABLISHING NEW RATE SCHEDULES AND BASE RATES FOR ALL NATURAL GAS SALES AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES, INCREASING JURISDICTIONAL BASE RATE REVENUES, COMBINING EXISTING GAS COST ADJUSTMENT (“GCA”) AREAS INTO NEW GCA REGIONS, IMPLEMENTING A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM INTEGRITY RIDER, REVISING THE CONSTRUCTION ALLOWANCE CALCULATION METHOD, AND OTHER PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES TO REPLACE AND SUPERSEDE ITS P.U.C. VOLUME NO. 3 TARIFF (FORMERLY BLACK HILLS/COLORADO GAS UTILITY COMPANY, INC.) AND P.U.C. VOLUME NO. 7 TARIFF (FORMERLY BLACK HILLS GAS DISTRIBUTION, LLC) IN THEIR ENTIRETY, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON MARCH 4, 2019.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
CONOR F. FARLEY
CONSTRUING REQUEST TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO
FILE STATEMENTS OF POSITION AS AN UNOPPOSED
MOTION AND GRANTING THE UNOPPOSED MOTION**

Mailed Date: November 4, 2019

I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. A more comprehensive summary of the background of this proceeding is included in Decision No. R19-0714-I that issued in this proceeding on August 28, 2019. The facts relevant to this Decision are stated below.

2. Decision No. R19-0714-I established November 1, 2019 as the deadline for the parties to submit Statements of Position (SOPs).

3. On October 30, 2019, the Administrative Law Judge received an email from counsel for Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. (BHCG) requesting an extension through November 4, 2019 to submit the SOPs. As justification, BHCG stated that a death in the family of BHCG's lead counsel and the travel and schedule disruptions caused by the snowstorms during the week of October 28, 2019 had interfered with the ability of BHCG to comply with the November 1, 2019 deadline. The email copied counsel for all of the parties to the proceeding and stated that the request was unopposed.

4. Based on the foregoing, the ALJ construed the email as an Unopposed Motion and found and concluded that BHCG had established good cause to grant the motion. This Decision was communicated to the parties by email in which the ALJ also instructed that it was unnecessary to file a separate formal motion. This interim decision memorializes the decision to grant the Unopposed Motion.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The request by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. to extend the deadline to file Statements of Position to November 4, 2019 stated in the email dated October 30, 2019 is construed to be an Unopposed Motion and is granted.

2. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director