

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14AL-0393E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 680 FILED BY BLACK HILLS/COLORADO ELECTRIC UTILITY COMPANY, LP TO REVISE ITS COLORADO PUC NO. 9 ELECTRIC TARIFF TO IMPLEMENT A GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT TO INCREASE RATES, A NEW RIDER PURSUANT TO THE CLEAN AIR-CLEAN JOBS ACT, AND OTHER CHANGES, PROPOSED TO BE EFFECTIVE ON MAY 31, 2014.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
ROBERT I. GARVEY
GRANTING IN PART AND DENYING
IN PART REQUEST TO SHORTEN RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: October 15, 2014

I. STATEMENT

1. On April 30, 2014, Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP (Black Hills) filed Advice Letter No. 680. Black Hills Energy submitted Advice Letter No. 680 with supporting testimony and exhibits.

2. By Decision No. C14-0522, issued May 16, 2014, the effective date of the Advice Letter was suspended until September 28, 2014. The matter was also referred to an administrative law judge (ALJ) for disposition.

3. The procedural history of this proceeding is set out in previous Decisions and is repeated here as necessary to put this Decision in context.

4. On October 15, 2014, Black Hills filed its Motion to Strike a Portion of the Post-Hearing Statement of Position of the Office of Consumer Counsel or in the Alternative Leave to File a Response, and Request for Shortened Response Time (Motion).

5. This Decision only addresses the Request for Shortened Response Time.

6. Black Hills states that due to the short timelines in this proceeding and the fact that the undersigned ALJ is currently working on a Recommended Decision, that response time to the Motion be shortened to one day, or the close of business on October 16, 2014.

7. Since the Recommend Decision in this matter must be completed soon, good cause is found to shorten response time to the Motion.

8. Response time shall be shortened to 5:00 pm MST on October 17, 2014.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP's (Black Hills) Request for Shortened Response Time is granted in part and denied in part.

2. Response time to Black Hills' Motion to Strike a Portion of the Post-Hearing Statement of Position of the Office of Consumer Counsel or in the Alternative for Leave to File a Response, shall be shortened.

3. All responses to Black Hills' Motion to Strike a Portion of the Post-Hearing Statement of Position of the Office of Consumer Counsel or in the Alternative for Leave to File a Response, shall be filed with the Commission by 5:00 pm MST on October 17, 2014.

4. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ROBERT I. GARVEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director