

Decision No. C21-0156-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0380G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 3 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. , DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO REVISE THE GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT (“GRSA”) THAT WILL INCREASE THE BASE RATES FOR ALL RATE SCHEDULES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 12, 2020.

INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION SETTING HEARING

Mailed Date: March 15, 2021

Adopted Date: March 10, 2021

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. By Decision Nos. C21-0104 in Proceeding No. 19AL-0075G and C21-0103 in Proceeding No. 20AL-0380G, the Commission requested responses to Black Hills’ Application for Rehearing, Reargument or Reconsideration (RRR) from the parties to those proceedings. Those decisions stated that upon review of the responses, the Commission would set a date shortly thereafter for a hearing in order to determine the best method to go forward by either denying Black Hills’ proposal, or go forward with a combined Phase I/Phase II Gas Rate Case, or separate Phase I and Phase II proceedings, or any other processes that will reasonably settle the matters.

2. Commission Trial Staff (Staff), filed a response in this proceeding.

3. The responses of the remaining parties, including Staff in Proceeding No. 19AL-0075G are set forth in Interim Decision No. C21-C21-0143, issued March 11, 2021.

4. Consistent with Interim Decision No. C21-0143, we establish March 16, 2021 at 10:00 am as the date and time for a hearing in order to consider and discuss the recommendations

by the parties in response to Black Hills' RRR and to hear from the Company in order to set a course of action in these Phase I and Phase II gas rate cases.

5. The evidentiary hearing will be held remotely. The Commission will use the web-hosted video conferencing service Zoom to hold the remote evidentiary hearing. This Decision and Attachment A hereto include requirements to facilitate holding the hearing remotely and are intended to ensure that the remote hearing proceeds efficiently without technical problems.

6. 10. Attachment A includes important requirements and technical information on participating in the evidentiary hearing through the Zoom platform. As such, it is vitally important that the parties carefully review and follow all requirements in this Decision and in Attachment A. To minimize the potential that the video-conference hearing may be disrupted by non-participants, the Zoom link and meeting ID or access code will be provided to the parties by email before the hearing, and the parties and witnesses will be prohibited from distributing that information to anyone not participating in the hearing.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. A hearing in this Proceeding is scheduled as follows:

DATE: March 16, 2021

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to noon

PLACE: By video conference using Zoom at a link provided to parties by email.

2. Electronic procedures are modified to include details discussed above and explained further in Attachment A.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
March 10, 2021.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY



Doug Dean,
Director

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