

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24AL-0264E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 870 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO UPDATE THE FIXED REASONABLE CHARGE APPLICABLE TO THE OFF-SITE NET METERING SERVICE, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 5, 2024.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF NOTICE**

Mailed Date: June 13, 2024

Adopted Date: June 5, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On June 3, 2024 Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. (Black Hills or Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 870-Electric (Advice Letter), through which the Company seeks to increase the Fixed Reasonable Charge included in the Off-Site Net Metering Service, contained on Tariff Sheet No. 97C in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff. The proposed tariff amendment will decrease the Fixed Reasonable Charge rate from \$0.02698 per kWh to \$0.02965 per kWh, beginning July 5, 2024. The Company explains that there are no customers taking service on this tariff and therefore there are no bill impacts and no impact to the Company's revenues.

2. Black Hills moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-1, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and

Procedure, to provide alternative forms of notice for the Company's filing to its customers.

Black Hills requests Commission approval to use the following forms of notice:

- Filing with the Commission and keeping open for inspection the Advice Letter. The Company will also post on its website at the time of filing: (1) a Customer Notice attached to the Advice Letter as Attachment Number 1 (Customer Notice), and (2) the Advice Letter and its accompanying tariff sheet, for thirty (30) days beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter.

3. Black Hills maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice and that it will avoid incurring the expense that is entailed in other forms of statutory notice. The Company concludes the proposed alternative forms of notice will be sufficient to alert affected and interested parties to the tariff changes the Company is proposing, including by providing notice of the estimated impact on average customers.

4. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 CCR 723-1-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to provide alternative forms of notice of a tariff change. We find the alternative form of notice the Company proposes in the Motion will provide sufficient notice and will do so efficiently, particularly because no customers take service under the relevant tariff. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative form of notice that the Company requests.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice, filed by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc., on June 3, 2024, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
June 5, 2024.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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