

Decision No. C25-0465-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0238E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 891 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 1, 2025.

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

Issued Date: June 18, 2025

Adopted Date: June 4, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On May 30, 2025, Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, doing business as Black Hills Energy (“Black Hills” or “Company”) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice (“Motion”) to apply to Advice Letter No. 891- Electric. By Advice Letter No. 891-Electric, Black Hills 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.

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, Advice Letter No. 891- Electric, which amends its Off-Site Net Metering tariff, on Tariff Sheet No. 97C, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff.
- Post on its website at the time of filing: (1) a Customer Notice and (2) Advice Letter No. 891-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, for 30 days

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 expenses that is entailed in other forms of statutory notice. The Company explains that no customers take service under this tariff, and therefore there are no bill impacts and no impact to the Company's revenues. 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.

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 forms of notice the Company proposes in the Motion will efficiently provide sufficient notice. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative forms 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 Electric, LLC, doing business as Black Hills Energy, on May 30, 2025, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
June 4, 2025.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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