

Decision No. C25-0486-I

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0263E

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IN THE MATTER OF COMPLIANCE ADVICE LETTER NO. 892 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY IN COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION NO. C25-0183 IN PROCEEDING NO. 24AL-0275E TO INCREASE THE BLACK HILLS AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM FUNDING RATE, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 16, 2025.

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

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Issued Date: June 26, 2025

Adopted Date: June 18, 2025

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions**

1. On June 17, 2025 Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC (“Black Hills” or the “Company”) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice (Motion) to apply to Advice Letter No. 892Electric. By Advice Letter No. 892-Electric, Black Hills seeks to increase the Black Hills Affordability Program (“BHEAP”) fees to increase the available funding by approximately \$1.8M annually.

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. 892- Electric, which amends the BHEAP fees, on Tariff Sheet No. 102, in its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff.
- Post on its website at the time of filing: (1) Attachment 1 – BHEAP Customer Notice and (2) Advice Letter No. 892-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, for thirty (30) days.
- Printing a message on each applicable customer’s bill, for one full billing cycle, providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 892-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, and a toll-free phone number for assistance.
- Publishing a legal notice of the BHEAP Advice Letter in three newspapers of general circulation for the service territory: 1) The Pueblo Chieftain (two consecutive Tuesdays); and 2) the Cañon City Daily Record (two consecutive Fridays); and 3) the Rocky Ford Daily Gazette (two consecutive Thursdays)

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 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 forms of notice the Company proposes in the Motion will provide sufficient notice to its customers and will do so efficiently. 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, on June 17, 2025, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
June 18, 2025.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,  
Director

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