

Decision No. C24-0451-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24M-0062G

IN THE MATTER OF THE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC. FILED PURSUANT TO 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-4-4552 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES REGULATING GAS UTILITIES.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION ADOPTING
CONSENSUS DISCOVERY PARAMETERS AND
REFERRING DISCOVERY DISPUTES AND MOTIONS
FOR EXTRAORDINARY PROTECTION TO AN
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE**

Issued Date: June 25, 2024

Adopted Date: June 17, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On March 1, 2024, Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. (Black Hills) filed its initial Gas Infrastructure Plan (GIP). Black Hills made the filing consistent with provisions in the Commission's Rules Regulating Gas Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-4-4550 to 4555.

2. Through Decision No. C24-0260, the Commission required the parties to confer and file proposed discovery parameters ten days after the Commission established parties to this Proceeding.

3. On June 11, 2024, Black Hills filed Consensus Proposed Discovery Parameters. The discovery parameters include limits on the number of interrogatories, dates for the provision of workpapers and executables, and deadlines for serving discovery responses. Additionally, the

parameters require that responses to discovery requests will be served within seven business days of receipt of the request.

4. We find that the discovery procedures proposed by the parties are reasonable, and therefore we adopt the discovery parameters set forth in the Consensus Proposed Discovery Parameters.

5. Additionally, we refer all discovery disputes and motions for extraordinary protection to the Administrative Law Judge that is scheduling and convening a public comment hearing in this Proceeding.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The discovery parameters set forth in the Consensus Proposed Discovery Parameters filed by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc., on June 11, 2024, are adopted.

2. All discovery disputes are referred to the Administrative Law Judge that is scheduling and convening a public comment hearing in this Proceeding.

3. Motions for extraordinary protection filed in this Proceeding are also referred to the ALJ.

4. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
June 17, 2024.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Rebecca E. White,
Director

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