

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 16A-0436E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, INC.
FOR (1) APPROVAL OF ITS 2016 ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN, AND (2) APPROVAL OF
ITS 2018-2021 RES COMPLIANCE PLAN.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Issued Date: August 14, 2024

Adopted Date: August 7, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On August 1, 2024, Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Trial Staff” or “Staff”) filed a Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Review of Black Hills Colorado Electric’s 2023 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report and for a Waiver of Response Time to the Motion (“Motion”). Trial Staff’s Motion requests the Commission extend the deadline to file its review of the 2023 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report filed by Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC (“Black Hills”) as required in Rule 3663(a) of the Commission’s Rules Regulating Electric Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (“CCR”) 723-3, and that the response time to the Motion be waived.

2. Black Hills filed its 2023 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report on May 31, 2024. Pursuant to Rule 3663(a)(III), 4 CCR 723-3, Staff’s recommendations to the Commission are due within 60 days of Black Hills’ filing, or on July 30, 2024.

3. Trial Staff states that due to the number of concurrent proceedings before the Commission, it has not yet performed an adequate review of Black Hills' 2023 report, and therefore requires additional time to properly validate the information contained therein. Trial Staff requests a variance to Rule 3663(a)(III) and a 30-day extension to August 30, 2024, in order to complete its review and analysis.

4. Trial Staff states its Motion is unopposed, which it confirmed through correspondence with counsel for Black Hills, and that no party will be prejudiced by the extension and waiver of response time.

5. We find good cause to grant Trial Staff's Motion seeking a variance to Rule 3663(a)(III) and will extend the deadline for Trial Staff to file its review of the Company's 2021 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report to 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

6. We waive response time to the Motion as Trial Staff represents it is unopposed.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion for an Extension of Time to File a Review of Black Hills Colorado Electric's 2023 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report and for a Waiver of Response Time to The Motion ("Motion") filed by Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission ("Trial Staff") on August 1, 2024, is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. Response time to Trial Staff's Motion is waived.

3. The deadline for Trial Staff to file its review of Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC's 2023 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report is extended to 5:00 p.m. on August 30, 2024.

4. This Decision is effective immediately on its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 7, 2024.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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