

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0088E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 882 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY TO INCREASE THE ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT RATE, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2025.

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

Issued Date: March 18, 2025

Adopted Date: March 5, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On February 28, 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. 882-Electric. By Advice Letter No. 8882-Electric, Black Hills seeks to amend its Energy Cost Adjustment (“ECA”) rate contained on Tariff Sheet No. 65 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 Advice Letter No. 882-Electric with the Commission and posting the Advice Letter, accompanying tariff sheet, and Customer Notice on its website for 30 days;

- Including a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the customer notice and Advice Letter No. 882-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, beginning within one week of the filing of Advice Letter No. 882-Electric and continuing for one full billing cycle; and
- Publishing the customer notice in three newspapers of general circulation, *The Pueblo Chieftain*, the *Cañon City Daily Record*, and the *Rocky Ford Daily Gazette* on two occasions each.

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 its 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 February 28, 2025, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
March 5, 2025.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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