

Decision No. C25-0256

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24AL-0275E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 871 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC TO INCREASE BASE RATE REVENUES, TO IMPLEMENT REVISED BASE RATES FOR ALL RATE SCHEDULES, AND OTHER TARIFF REVISIONS EFFECTIVE JULY 15, 2024.

**COMMISSION DECISION
GRANTING MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF A
FOURTY-PAGE LIMIT FOR APPLICATIONS FOR
REHEARING, REARGUMENT, OR RECONSIDERATION
OF DECISION NO. C25-0183, AND REQUEST FOR
EXPEDITED RULING AND WAIVER OF
RESPONSE TIME**

Issued Date: April 4, 2025

Adopted Date: April 2, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On June 14, 2024, Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, doing business as Black Hills Energy (“BHCOE” or the “Company”), filed Advice Letter No. 871 with tariff sheets to revise base rate revenue for all electric service in the Company’s Colorado P.U.C. No. 11 Tariff, along with certain other changes to its tariff. Black Hills filed the direct testimony of 13 witnesses in support of its request.

2. Through this Decision, the Commission grants the Motion filed by BHCOE on March 31, 2025, requesting leave to exceed the 30-page limit for applications for Rehearing,

Reargument, or Reconsideration (“RRR”) due on April 7, 2025. All parties, including BHCOE, have a 40-page limit for applications for RRR in this Proceeding.

B. Discussion, Findings and Conclusions

3. By Decision No. C24-0581-I,¹ issued on August 13, 2024, the Commission suspended the effective date of the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. 871 an additional 130-days, to March 22, 2025, pursuant to § 40-6-111(1), C.R.S. By the same decision the Commission established the parties to this Proceeding.²

4. The Commission deliberated at the February 12 and 19, 2025 and March 5 and 12, 2025 Commissioners’ Weekly Meetings (“CWMs”) and issued Decision No. C25-0183 on March 17, 2025.

5. Pursuant to Ordering Paragraph 6 and § 40-6-114, C.R.S., applications for RRR of Decision No. C25-0183 are due no later than April 7, 2025.

6. In BHCOE’s Motion, it requests the Commission extend the page limit to 40 pages for applications for RRR. BHCOE indicates that no party opposes this request, as long as all other parties are also allowed the same page limit. Since no party opposes the Motion, Black Hills also requests a waiver of response time to the Motion and that it be handled at the April 2, 2025 Commissioners’ Weekly Meeting.

¹ Decision No. C24-0581-I was initially issued in error as Decision No. C24-0580-I. An Errata correcting that error issued on August 20, 2024.

² Parties to this Proceeding are: BHCOE; Staff of the Commission (“Staff”); the Colorado Office of Utility Consumer Advocate (“UCA”); the City of Pueblo, County of Pueblo, and Pueblo Economic Development Corporation (collectively “Pueblo”); Energy Outreach Colorado (“EOC”); Laborers International Union of North America, Local 720; Colorado Solar and Storage Association and the Solar Energy Industries Association (jointly “COSSA/SEIA”); Board of Water Works of Pueblo, The Fountain Valley Authority, and Colorado Springs Utilities/Southern Delivery System (collectively “Public Utility Intervenors”); City of Canon City and City of Florence (jointly “Canon City/Florence”); Electrify America, LLC; Western Resource Advocates/Sierra Club (jointly “WRA/Sierra Club”); Holcim (U.S.), Inc.

7. Given that no party objects to the Motion, and that the request is reasonable, we find good cause pursuant to Rule 1400 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Colorado Code of Regulations* ("CCR") 723-1-1400(a), to grant the Motion. We therefore give all parties the discretion to include up to 40 pages in its applications for RRR, due on April 7, 2025.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Motion for Approval of a Forty Page Limit for Applications for Rehearing, Reargument or Reconsideration of Decision No. C25-0183, and Request for Expedited Ruling and Waiver of Response Time, filed by Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, on March 31, 2025, is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. This Decision is effective immediately upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 2, 2025.**

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