

**NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED TARIFF FOR THE
BLACK HILLS ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BHEAP) AND
REMOVAL THE EXTRAORDINARY GAS COST RECOVERY
RIDER (EGCRR) IN COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 11 ELECTRIC TARIFF
of Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC
d/b/a Black Hills Energy**

You are hereby notified that Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, 105 South Victoria Avenue, P.O. Box 75, Pueblo, Colorado, 81003-0075, has filed with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”), in accordance with the Public Utilities Law, advice letters with revised tariffs to amend its Black Hills Energy Assistance Program (“BHEAP”) rates and to remove its Extraordinary Gas Cost Recovery Rider (“EGCRR”). The changes to the inputs are found on Tariff Sheet Nos. 102 and 113 in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff. They are to become effective on April 10, 2024. The revised tariffs will affect all retail customers subject to the BHEAP and EGCRR rates if the Commission allows the tariffs to become effective.

BHEAP:

Black Hills Energy monitors its BHEAP program on an ongoing basis to ensure that it maintains a sufficient level of funding to meet the growing demand from residential customers for assistance on their monthly electric bills. The Company aims to set its BHEAP rates at a reasonable level to provide requisite support to customers who participate in the Company’s BHEAP program while also minimizing the impact on all customer bills. Demand for energy assistance has recently increased. To accommodate an increase in participation in the program, Black Hills has filed to increase the BHEAP rate for all customer classes. A summary of changes to the BHEAP funding fee for each customer class is shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: BHEAP Funding Fee Increase, Effective April 10, 2024

Customer Class	Current BHEAP Funding Fee, Per Month	Proposed BHEAP Funding Fee, Per Month	Increase per Month
Residential	\$0.51	\$1.00	\$0.49
Small General	\$1.46	\$5.56	\$4.10
Large General	\$37.88	\$144.36	\$106.48
Street/PAL Lighting	\$0.57	\$2.17	\$1.60
Irrigation Service	\$1.41	\$5.37	\$3.96
Large Power	Volumetric rate of \$0.000517 per kWh	Volumetric rate of \$0.001970 per kWh	Varies by customer based on monthly usage.

EGCRR:

The principal purpose of the EGCRR rider is to recover the unprecedented natural gas costs associated with the Winter Storm Uri event that occurred in February of 2021. Black Hills Energy deferred immediate collection of costs associated with the winter event and instead collected the costs over a two-year period. The Company has filed to remove the EGCRR rider on April 10, 2024, marking the end of the two-year collection period. The rider is applicable to all rate schedules who are subject to the Energy Cost Adjustment (“ECA”). The EGCRR rate will be decreased from \$0.00579\$/kwh to \$0.00000\$/kwh.

Combined Bill Impact:

Together, these two rate adjustments will decrease the average residential customer monthly bill by \$2.98 from \$113.15 to \$110.17, or 2.63%. The average small commercial customer monthly bill will decrease by \$9.22, from \$372.36 to \$363.14, or 2.48%.

All other customers may call Black Hills Energy at telephone (719) 546-5885 or (719) 546-6410 to obtain information concerning how requested tariff amendments may affect them.

Copies of the proposed and present tariffs as filed with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado are available for inspection at the public offices of Black Hills Energy at 105 South Victoria Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado, 81003; or, at the office of the Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202. Customers with questions concerning the proposed or present tariffs may call the Commission at (303) 894-2000; or, may contact Black Hills Energy by telephone at (888) 890-5554 or by email customerservice@support.blackhillsenergy.com. In addition, the Company’s proposed and present tariffs may be viewed at www.blackhillsenergy.com and the applicable Colorado statutes and Commission rules may be viewed at www.dora.colorado.gov/puc.

Any person may file written comments or objections concerning the filing, with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202, at the following website: www.dora.state.co.us/pacific/PUC/puccomments. Requests for written notices can also be made to the Commission by telephone at (303) 894-2000 or, alternatively, by contacting the External Affairs section of the Commission at its local number (303) 894-2070 or toll free number (800) 456-0858. The Commission will consider all written comments and objections submitted prior to the evidentiary hearing on the application. Written objections (protests) must be filed at least ten (10) days before the proposed effective date of April 10, 2024. Filing a written objection (protest) by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding established in these matters. If you wish to participate as a party in this matter, you must file written intervention documents under Commission Rule 723-1-1401, 4 *Colorado Code of Regulations* 723-1.

The rates, rules, and regulations ultimately authorized by the Commission may or may not be the same as those proposed and may include rates higher or lower than those proposed or currently in effect.

The Commission may suspend the proposed tariffs, rates, rules, or regulations. The Commission may hold a hearing to determine which rates, rules, and regulations will be authorized. If a hearing is held, any member of the public may attend the hearing and may make a statement under oath about the proposed tariffs, whether or not he or she has filed an objection or intervention. If the filing is uncontested or unopposed, the Commission may determine the matter without a hearing and without further notice.

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