

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 19AL-_____ E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 773 FILED BY BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC TO DECREASE THE DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT COST ADJUSTMENT (DSMCA) TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(D) and Rule 1207(b), Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC (“Black Hills” or “Company”), by its undersigned attorney, requests that the Commission enter an Order approving an alternative form of notice that will apply to Advice Letter No. 773-Electric. By Advice Letter No. 773-Electric, Black Hills seeks to amend its Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment (“DSMCA”) calculation inputs, on Tariff Sheet No. 71, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 10-Electric Tariff. The DSMCA is applicable to all retail customers. Black Hills also asserts that conferral is not required for this Motion according to Commission Rule 1400(a)(I), and that responses to this Motion are not allowed according to Commission Rule 1207(b). In support of the relief requested, Black Hills states as follows:

1. On April 1, 2019, the Company filed Advice Letter No. 773-Electric to amend its DSMCA calculation inputs, on Tariff Sheet No. 71, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 10-Electric Tariff. The proposed tariff amendments will decrease the DSMCA rate from 2.38% to 1.77%, beginning July 1, 2019.

2. By this Motion, Black Hills seeks Commission approval to provide alternative notice of its proposed tariff amendment.

3. Specifically, Black Hills seeks Commission authorization to use the following form of alternative notice:

- a. Filing with the Commission, and keeping open for inspection, Advice Letter No. 773-Electric, which amends its DSMCA calculation inputs, on Tariff Sheet No. 71, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 10-Electric Tariff.
- b. Posting on the website for Black Hills Energy: (1) a Customer Notice attached herewith as Attachment 1 and (2) Advice Letter No. 773-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, for ninety (90) days beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter No. 773-Electric.
- c. Printing a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 773-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, and a toll-free phone number for assistance, beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter No. 773-Electric. The bill messages, by customer class, read as follows:

Residential:

“We filed to decrease our DSMCA rate effective July 1. If approved, the revision will decrease annualized revenues by \$1.542M. The average monthly residential bill will decrease \$0.60 from \$100.88 to \$100.28, or 0.59%, if approved. Visit blackhillsenergy.com/filings for details.”

Small Commercial:

“We filed to decrease our DSMCA rate effective July 1. If approved, the revision will decrease annualized revenues by \$1.542M. The average small commercial monthly bill will decrease \$1.94 from \$328.34 to \$326.40, or 0.59%, if approved. Visit blackhillsenergy.com/filings for details.”

Other Customers:

“We filed to decrease our DSMCA rate effective July 1. If approved, the revision will decrease annualized revenues by \$1.542M. Customers can call (719)-546-6410 for information on how the proposed amendment may affect them. Visit blackhillsenergy.com/filings for details.”

- d. Publishing a legal notice of Advice Letter No. 773-Electric (*i.e.*, Attachment 1), with size dimensions of four columns width and 11 inches height, in three newspapers of general circulation for the service territory: 1) *The Pueblo Chieftain* (two consecutive Tuesdays, April 9th and April 16th); and 2) the *Cañon City Daily Record* (two consecutive Fridays, April 12th and April 19th); and 3) the *Rocky Ford Daily Gazette* (two consecutive Thursdays, April 11th and April 18th).

4. The Company plans to go forward with this alternative form of notice. The Company would like to avoid incurring “time and materials” expense for printing customer bill inserts. In the event the Commission denies this Motion, and determines that additional notice is required, the Company will provide additional notice consistent with the Commission’s order.

5. There is good cause for the alternative form of notice requested by this Motion. A bill message, unlike a bill insert, provides more visibility to the customer because it is presented on the first page of the bill, where the customer looks for dollar amount due and the payment deadline. The website posting will provide the required information regarding the amended tariff sheets to the general public. The toll-free phone number provided in the bill message will give customers a second option to learn more about the amended tariffs if they cannot access the internet for the Company’s website. These alternative forms of notice are expeditious and economic for the Company’s customers.

6. Wherefore, Black Hills respectfully requests that the Commission approve the alternative form of notice set forth in this Motion to amend the DSMCA inputs, on Tariff Sheet No. 71, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 10-Electric Tariff.

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