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Compliance Advice Letter No. 71

Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado
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The accompanying tariff sheets issued by Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc. d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“BHCG” or “Company”) are sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Public Utilities Law and the applicable rules of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”), including Rules 4110, 4752(b), 4757 and 4758. The following tariff sheets are attached:

COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 1

Colorado P.U.C. Sheet Number	Title of Sheet	Cancels Colorado P.U.C. Sheet Number
Thirty-ninth Revised Sheet No.13	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Second Amended Thirty-eighth Revised Sheet No. 13
Forty-fifth Revised Sheet No. 14	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Forty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 14
Forty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 15	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Forty-third Revised Sheet No. 15
Thirty-ninth Revised Sheet No. 16	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Thirty-eighth Revised Sheet No. 16
Forty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 17	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Forty-third Revised Sheet No. 17
Forty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 18	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Forty-third Revised Sheet No. 18
Thirty-ninth Revised Sheet No. 19	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Second Amended Thirty-eighth Revised Sheet No. 19
Forty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 20	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Forty-third Revised Sheet No. 20

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Colorado P.U.C. Sheet Number	Title of Sheet	Cancels Colorado P.U.C. Sheet Number
Forty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 21	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Forty-third Revised Sheet No. 21
Forty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 22	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Forty-third Revised Sheet No. 22
Thirty-ninth Revised Sheet No. 23	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Thirty-eighth Revised Sheet No. 23
Forty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 24	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Forty-third Revised Sheet No. 24
Forty-fourth Revised Sheet No. 25	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Sales Rates	Forty-third Revised Sheet No. 25
Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 27	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Transportation Service Rates	Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 27
Seventeenth Revised Sheet No. 28	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Transportation Service Rates	Sixteenth Revised Sheet No. 28
Fifteenth Revised Sheet No. 29	Statement of Rates, Rate Schedule Sheet, Gas Transportation Service Rates	Fourteenth Revised Sheet No. 29
Sixth Revised Sheet No. 50	Gas Rate Adjustments, EASBC	Fifth Revised Sheet No. 50

This compliance filing is made in accordance with Ordering Paragraph 2 of Decision No. C26-0598 in Proceeding No. 26M-0337EG setting the Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge (“EASBC”) to \$0.86.

The principal purpose of this filing is to increase the EASBC on all applicable rate summary sheets, in compliance with C.R.S. § 40-8.7-105.5(b) and consistent with the EASBC tariffed in Sixth Revised Sheet No. 50. The EASBC will be billed to all utility customers as shown in Table 1 below:

Table 1: Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge

Effective On and after	Rate Schedules	Monthly Charge
October 1, 2021	All	\$0.50
October 1, 2022	All	\$0.75
October 1, 2023	All	\$0.79
October 1, 2024	All	\$0.81
October 1, 2025	All	\$0.83
October 1, 2026	All	\$0.86

Note: The Monthly Charge shall adjust annually each October 1, beginning in 2023, based on the annual percentage change in the published Index for July in the previous year and July in the current year. Index shall mean the *U.S. Dept. of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood for All Items and All Urban Consumers*, or its successor index.

If permitted to go into effect on October 1, 2026, the tariff proposed herein will result in no change to the annual revenues of BHCG. The tariff will effectively be revenue neutral. All revenues collected by the

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Company will be transferred to Energy Outreach Colorado net of prudently incurred costs, approved by the Commission, for Company reimbursement.¹

The projected impacts of the Company's filing on typical monthly bills for Residential customers are shown in Table 2, and for Small Commercial in Table 3.

Table 2: Monthly Bill Impacts -- Residential Customers

Base Rate Area	GCA Region and Communities Served	Current Average Monthly Bill	Proposed Average Monthly Bill	Monthly Change	Percent Change	Average Usage
1	<u>Eastern GCA Region</u> communities in Dacono, Erie, Firestone, Fort Collins, Fredrick, Mead, Wattenberg and Wellington	\$68.23	\$68.26	\$0.03	0.04%	86
1	<u>Western GCA Region</u> communities located in Aspen, Avon, Basalt, Carbondale, Catherine, Cattle Creek, Cedaredge, Collbran, Colona, Crawford, DeBeque, Delta, Dotsero, Eagle, Edwards, El Jebel, Glenwood Springs, Gypsum, Hotchkiss, Loghill Village, Montrose, Mountain Village, Mulford, Naturita, No Name, Norwood, Nucla, Olathe, Orchard City, Ouray, Portland, Redvale, Ridgway, Sawpit, Snowmass Village, Telluride and Woody Creek	\$104.13	\$104.16	\$0.03	0.03%	86
2	<u>Eastern GCA Region</u> communities in Akron, Cheraw, Crowley, Eckley, Fleming, Fort Morgan, Fowler, Haxtun, Holyoke, Iliff, Joes, Julesburg, Kirk, La Junta, Las Animas, Manzanola, Olney Springs, Ordway, Otis, Ovid, Paoli, Rocky Ford, Sterling, Sugar City, Swink, Wiggins, Wray and Yuma	\$76.35	\$76.38	\$0.03	0.04%	66
2	<u>Western GCA Region</u> communities in Bayfield and Pagosa Springs	\$103.91	\$103.94	\$0.03	0.03%	66
3	<u>Eastern GCA Region</u> communities in Arriba, Bethune, Black Forest, Burlington, Cascade - Chipita Park, Castle Pines, Castle Rock, Cheyenne Wells, Divide, Elizabeth, Flagler, Fountain, Franktown, Genoa, Gleneagle, Green Mountain Falls, Hugo, Kiowa, Larkspur, Limon, Monument, Palmer Lake, Perry Park, Peyton, Ponderosa Park, Seibert, Stratton, The Pinery, Vona, Woodland Park, Woodmoor and Security - Widefield	\$70.17	\$70.20	\$0.03	0.04%	91

¹ The Company understands the rules approved in Proceeding Number 23R-0408EG, Decision No.C23-0538 to require utility filings "that introduces or increases any rate ... shall include a rate trend report" pursuant to Commission Rule 3109 (ee). It is the Company's interpretation that the instant compliance filing is being made to comply with Decision No. C26-0598 setting the EASBC to \$0.86 rather than the utility requesting to increase the rate, and therefore does not require a rate trend report.

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Table 3: Monthly Bill Impacts - Small Commercial Customers

Base Rate Area	GCA Region and Communities Served	Current Average Monthly Bill	Proposed Average Monthly Bill	Monthly Change	Percent Change	Average Usage
1	<u>Eastern GCA Region</u> communities in Dacono, Erie, Firestone, Fort Collins, Fredrick, Mead, Wattenberg and Wellington	\$137.30	\$137.33	\$0.03	0.02%	180
1	<u>Western GCA Region</u> communities located in Aspen, Avon, Basalt, Carbondale, Catherine, Cattle Creek, Cedaredge, Collbran, Colona, Crawford, DeBeque, Delta, Dotsero, Eagle, Edwards, El Jebel, Glenwood Springs, Gypsum, Hotchkiss, Loghill Village, Montrose, Mountain Village, Mulford, Naturita, No Name, Norwood, Nucla, Olathe, Orchard City, Ouray, Portland, Redvale, Ridgway, Sawpit, Snowmass Village, Telluride and Woody Creek	\$212.43	\$212.46	\$0.03	0.01%	180
2	<u>Eastern GCA Region</u> communities in Akron, Cheraw, Crowley, Eckley, Fleming, Fort Morgan, Fowler, Haxtun, Holyoke, Iliff, Joes, Julesburg, Kirk, La Junta, Las Animas, Manzanola, Olney Springs, Ordway, Otis, Ovid, Paoli, Rocky Ford, Sterling, Sugar City, Swink, Wiggins, Wray and Yuma	\$149.37	\$149.40	\$0.03	0.02%	154
2	<u>Western GCA Region</u> communities in Bayfield and Pagosa Springs	\$213.66	\$213.69	\$0.03	0.01%	154
3	<u>Eastern GCA Region</u> communities in Arriba, Bethune, Black Forest, Burlington, Cascade - Chipita Park, Castle Pines, Castle Rock, Cheyenne Wells, Divide, Elizabeth, Flagler, Fountain, Franktown, Genoa, Gleneagle, Green Mountain Falls, Hugo, Kiowa, Larkspur, Limon, Monument, Palmer Lake, Perry Park, Peyton, Ponderosa Park, Seibert, Stratton, The Pinery, Vona, Woodland Park, Woodmoor and Security - Widefield	\$100.10	\$100.13	\$0.03	0.03%	180

Attached hereto are the applicable tariff sheets.

BHCG requests that the tariff sheets accompanying this advice letter become effective on October 1, 2026.

Please send copies of all notices, pleadings, correspondence, and other documents regarding this filing to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

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