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Advice Letter No. 809

Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado
 1560 Broadway, Suite 250
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The accompanying tariff sheets issued by Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“Black Hills” or the “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, including Rule 1210, 4 *Colorado Code of Regulations* 723-1. The following tariff sheets are attached:

COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 11

Colorado P.U.C. Sheet Number	Title of Sheet	Cancels Colorado P.U.C. Sheet Number
Second Revised Sheet No. 3	TABLE OF CONTENTS (CONTINUED) – ELECTRIC	First Revised Sheet No. 3
Original Sheet No. 108	ENERGY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM BENEFIT CHARGE (EASBC) ELECTRIC	NA

The principal purpose of this filing is to establish a new, mandatory monthly charge, the Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge (EASBC). EASBC is applicable to all utility customers unless customers opt-out or are otherwise exempted. The proposed new tariff is to become effective on October 1, 2021.

EASBC was enacted in Colorado House Bill 1105 (2021) and is codified in statute at §40-8.7-104(2.5), C.R.S. EASBC financially contributes to low-income utility assistance. The assistance is administered by Energy Outreach Colorado (EOC).

As provided for in Tariff Sheet No. 108, EASBC will be billed to all utility customers as shown in Table 1:

Colorado PUC E-Filings System

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Table 1: Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge (EASBC)

Effective On and After	Rate Schedules	Monthly Charge
October 1, 2021	All	\$0.50
October 1, 2022	All	\$0.75
October 1, 2023	All	See Note

Note: The Monthly Charge shall adjust annually each October 1, beginning in 2023, based on the annual percentage change in the published Index between 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.

The Company will transfer EASBC collections to EOC, once per quarter, based on the schedule codified at §40-8.7-107(1), C.R.S. As applicable, the Company will net from EASBC collections its reimbursement for prudently incurred costs approved by the Commission as provided for at §40-8.7-104(3), C.R.S.

The Company will notify utility customers with a permanent bill message of opt out rights as provided for in §40-8.7-104(2)(c). Customers may opt out of EASBC by notifying Black Hills Energy at eaoptout@blackhillscorp.com.

As provided for in §40-8.7-104(2.5)(b)(I), Black Hills will notify utility customers with a permanent bill message in English and Spanish of exemption rights from the EASBC. The Company will automatically exempt customers from EASBC for the succeeding twelve months where such customers received direct utility bill payment assistance in the previous twelve months.

If permitted to go into effect on October 1, 2021, the tariff proposed herein will result in no change to the annual revenues of the Company. The tariff will effectively be revenue neutral. All revenues collected by the Company will be transferred to Energy Outreach Colorado net of prudently incurred costs, approved by the Commission, for Company reimbursement.

The tariff will result in a bill increase to each residential customer under Rate Schedule RS-1 of 50 cents. Based on a typical residential usage of 600 kWh per month, the monthly bill will increase from \$102.91 to \$103.41 per month, or 0.49%.

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The tariff will result in a bill increase to each small commercial customer under Rate Schedule SGS-N of 50 cents. Based on a typical small commercial usage of 2,300 kWh per month, the monthly bill will increase from \$335.73 to \$336.23 per month, or 0.15%.

Attached hereto are Appendices A and B. Appendix A provides the applicable tariff sheets. Appendix B provides a redlined version of the applicable tariff sheets.

This filing will be noticed pursuant to the requirements of the Colorado Public Utilities Law. Concurrently with this filing, Black Hills is filing a Motion for Alternative Form of Notice (“Motion”) with an Attachment 1 Customer Notice (“Customer Notice”). The Motion requests Commission approval for three methods of providing the Customer Notice to affected customers. First, the Company will file with the Commission and keep open for inspection, Advice Letter No. 809-Electric and will post the notice and filing information on its website. Second, a bill message will be printed on each applicable customer’s bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 809-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheets, and a toll-free phone number for assistance, beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter No. 809-Electric. The bill message will run for one full billing cycle. Third, newspaper legal notices providing the Customer Notice will be published in three newspapers of general circulation covering the Company’s service territory: *The Pueblo Chieftain*, *The Cañon City Daily Record*, and *The Rocky Ford Daily Gazette*.

Black Hills requests that the tariff sheets accompanying this advice letter become effective on October 1, 2021.

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

Sincerely,

Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC

/s/ Michael J. Harrington

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