

NOTICE OF FILING JOINT APPLICATION FOR 2018-2020 NATURAL GAS DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT (DSM) PLAN AND REVISED DSM COST ADJUSTMENT (DSMCA) IN THE COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 7 GAS TARIFF of Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy

You are hereby notified that Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy (“Company”), 7060 Alegre Street, Fountain, Colorado 80817, has filed with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”), in accordance with the Public Utilities Law, a “Verified Joint Application of Black Hills/Colorado Gas Utility Company, LP d/b/a Black Hills Energy and Black Hills Gas Distribution, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy, for Approval of a Combined Natural Gas Demand Side Management (DSM) Plan for Calendar Years 2018, 2019 and 2020 and for Approval of Revisions to their Gas DSM Cost Adjustment Tariffs.”

In the Verified Joint Application, the Company requests approval of a proposed 2018-2020 Combined DSM Plan. The Company also proposes updates and clarifying changes to the DSMCA Tariff, as well as a change that would allow the Company to recover cumulative lost revenues resulting from energy efficiency programs between rate cases, such tariff changes to be effective upon approval of the Verified Joint Application. The revised tariff, if approved, will not itself impact annual revenues of the Company and will go into effect upon approval of the Verified Joint Application pursuant to Commission Rule 1207(g).

Approval of the Verified Joint Application will allow the Company to implement a demand side management program on January 1, 2018 that continues to provide, through 2020, a variety of energy efficiency opportunities for each customer class subject to the DSMCA. The amount of the DSMCA rider may be impacted through approval of the Verified Joint Application, but, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the DSMCA factor will be adjusted through a separate regular annual filing in April, 2018, to be effective July 1, 2018.

Copies of the filing and proposed and present tariffs as filed with the Commission are available for inspection at the public offices of the Company at 7060 Alegre Street, Fountain, Colorado 80817; or, at the office of the 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 the Company by telephone at (888) 890-5554 or by email at custserv@blackhillscorp.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, or may request written notice of any hearing, with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202 or email address Dora_PUC_website@state.co.us. 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 Verified Joint

Application. Written objections (protests) must be filed in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Commission's Notice of the Verified Joint Application. Filing a written objection (protest) by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding established in this matter. 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 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. The Commission may hold a public hearing in addition to an evidentiary hearing on the application and if such a hearing is held, members of the public may attend and make statements even if they did not file comments, objections or an intervention. If the filing is uncontested or unopposed, the Commission may determine the matter without a hearing and without further notice.

By: Fredric C. Stoffel
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