

Colorado Public Utilities Commission
 Black Hills/Colorado Gas Utility Company, LP
 d/b/a Black Hills Energy

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General Service Rules and Regulations

28. GAS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT COST ADJUSTMENT (G-DSMCA)

A. Gas Demand-Side Management Cost Adjustment (G-DSMCA)

All sales rate schedules for natural gas service are subject to a Gas Demand-Side Management Cost Adjustment (“G-DSMCA”) designed to recover direct and indirect costs of gas Demand-Side Management Programs (“DSM Programs”) in accordance with a Commission-approved gas Demand-Side Management Plan, Rules 4750 through 4760 of the Commission’s Rules Regulating Gas Utilities and Pipeline Operators, 4 Code of Colorado Regulations 723-4 (“Gas DSM Rules”), and this Section 28. As specified in the Gas DSM Rules and this Section 28, the G-DSMCA allows for prospective recovery of approved costs of DSM Programs within the expenditure target approved by the Commission, in order to provide for funding of the Company’s DSM Programs, as well as recovery of Deferred DSMCA Costs and, if approved by the Commission, a G-DSM bonus. The G-DSMCA Factor shall be separately calculated and applied to the Company’s base rates for all applicable rate schedules as set forth on Sheet No. 68.

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B. G-DSMCA Filings

The G-DSMCA Factor is set on an annual basis, and collected from July 1 through June 30. Each April 1st, the Company will file an application or advice letter to revise the G-DSMCA Factor. The Company will include in its annual G-DSMCA filing all pertinent information and supporting documentation as required by the Commission’s Rules, and as specifically set forth in the Gas DSM Rules.

Advice Letter No.

/s/ Fredric C. Stoffel
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B. G-DSMCA Filings (cont.)

If the projected DSM Program costs change from those used to calculate the currently effective G-DSMCA cost or if the Company's Deferred DSMCA Cost balance increases or decreases sufficiently, the Company may file an application to revise its currently effective G-DSMCA Factor to reflect such changes, provided that the resulting change to the G-DSMCA Factor equates to a base rate change of at least one cent (\$0.01) per Mcf or Dth. The Company has the burden of proof to justify any interim G-DSMCA filings and the Commission has the discretion to consolidate the interim G-DSMCA filing with the next regularly scheduled annual G-DSMCA filing.

C. Definitions

1. *G-DSM Bonus*. The amount of bonus approved by the Commission in the Company's annual G-DSM Bonus application, if any, as set forth in Gas DSM Rule 4760.
2. *DSM Period*. DSM Period means a calendar year of a DSM Plan. While the Company's DSM Plan generally covers three years, unless otherwise specified by the Commission, each calendar year of a DSM Plan is considered to be the DSM Period.
3. *DSM Plan*. DSM Plan means the Commission-approved DSM programs, goals, and budgets over a specified period, generally considered in one year increments, as may be proposed by the utility.

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C. Definitions (cont.)

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| 4. | <i>DSM Program.</i> DSM Program means any combination of DSM measures, information and services offered to customers to reduce natural gas usage set forth in the Company's DSM Plan as approved by the Commission. | T |
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| 5. | <i>G-DSMCA Factor.</i> The G-DSMCA Factor for each service class shall be a percentage adjustment applicable to all base rates for customers receiving service under the applicable rate schedules. The G-DSMCA factor shall be separately calculated and applied to the utility sales gas base rate schedules of residential and non-residential customers. The DSMCA Factor shall be calculated using the formula set forth in Section 28.D below. | D,N |
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| 6. | <i>G-DSMCA Period.</i> The G-DSMCA shall take effect July 1 of each year for a period of 12 months. | N |
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| 7. | <i>Interest on Under- or Over-Recovery.</i> The amount of net interest accrued on the average monthly balance (whether positive or negative), is determined by multiplying the monthly balance by an interest rate equal to the Company's Commission-authorized after-tax weighted average costs of capital. | |

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D. G-DSMCA Factor.

1. *G-DSMCA Factor Calculation.* The G-DSMCA Factor shall be calculated consistent with Commission Rule 4758, using the following formula:

$$\text{G-DSMCA Factor} = \frac{\text{Current DSMCA Costs} + \text{G-DSM Bonus} + \text{Deferred DSMCA Cost} + \text{LR Value}}{(\text{CFCST} * \text{CUSTSRV} + \text{SFCST} * \text{BASECOM})}$$

where

- CFCST is the forecast number of customers for the next DSM Period;
 - CUSTSRV is the monthly service charge;
 - SFCST is the forecasted gas sales quantity for the rate schedule in the next DSM Period; and
 - BASECOM is the base commodity rate.
 - The G-DSMCA Factor will also include the current G-DSM Bonus plus any adjustment necessary to previously approved G-DSM Bonuses.
 - Current DSMCA Costs means budgeted costs of DSM Programs for the DSM Period at the time of the DSMCA annual filing, as approved by the Commission in order to provide for funding of the Company's DSM Programs.
 - Deferred DSMCA Cost is the positive or negative difference between the actual cost of DSM Programs, including interest, and the amounts collected from customers under the applicable rate schedules during the prior G-DSMCA Period.
 - LR Value is the sum of multiplying the dollar per therm value, as approved by the Commission, times the annual therms lost from all programs executed during the program year under consideration plus the LR amounts from previous DSM Periods since the last approved base rate proceeding.
2. *Prudence review and adjustment of G-DSM bonus.* The G-DSMCA factor includes the current G-DSM bonus plus any adjustment necessary to previously approved G-DSM bonuses. If the Commission finds that the actual performance varies from performance values used to calculate the G-DSM bonus, then an adjustment shall be made to the amount of G-DSM bonus award. Any true-up in the G-DSM bonus will be implemented on a prospective basis.

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