

**NOTICE OF FILING OF AMENDED TARIFFS FOR THE  
ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT (ECA)  
IN COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 11 ELECTRIC TARIFF  
of Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC  
d/b/a Black Hills Energy**

You are hereby notified that Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, d/b/a Black Hills Energy, 105 South Victoria Avenue, P.O. Box 75, Pueblo, Colorado, 81003-0075, has filed with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”), in accordance with the Public Utilities Law, an advice letter with revised tariff to amend its Energy Cost Adjustment (“ECA”) inputs on Tariff Sheet No. 65, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff, to become effective on April 1, 2021. The revised tariff will affect all retail customers subject to the ECA rate if the Commission allows the tariff to become effective.

The ECA rate is updated quarterly (February, May, August, and November) and is applicable to all retail customers. The ECA is a mechanism to recover costs incurred by the Company for natural gas used in the production of electricity, costs associated with renewable energy production, and/or for wholesale power purchased on the open market by the Company to meet customers’ energy needs. These costs incurred by the Company are strictly pass-through costs.

In mid-February, an extreme cold weather event impacted much of Colorado and the central United States. This caused a significant increase to natural gas prices during this cold weather event. While Black Hills incurred significant expenses to procure natural gas for its generating fleet during this time, there was no interruption to customer’s service due to insufficient gas supply at the Company’s natural gas generating facilities. Expenses incurred by Black Hills during this extreme cold weather event are not included in this filing. This filing provides the forecasted cost for April 2021 through March 2022 and true-up actual costs through January 2021. The cost incurred by Black Hills in February will be addressed at a later time.

The components included in the ECA filing reflect the expected cost of energy for the period April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022. This ECA update also includes a true-up to actual costs during the period November 1, 2020 through January 31, 2021. If permitted to go into effect on April 1, 2021, the tariff revisions will result in an increase of annual revenue of approximately \$1.32M. The proposed revisions, if approved, will increase the current ECA rate from \$0.03501 per kWh to \$0.03555 per kWh.

Specifically, the tariff revisions will increase the average residential customer monthly bill by \$0.34 from \$99.91 to \$100.25, or 0.34%.

The average small commercial customer monthly bill will increase by \$1.29, from \$324.68 to \$325.98, or 0.40%.

Large commercial and industrial customers may call Black Hills Energy at telephone number (719) 546-5847 to obtain information concerning how requested tariff amendments may affect them.

Copies of the proposed and present tariffs as filed with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado are available for inspection at the public offices of Black Hills Energy at 105 South Victoria Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado, 81003; or, at the office of the Public Utilities 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 Black Hills Energy by telephone at (888) 890-5554 or by email [custserv@blackhillscorp.com](mailto:custserv@blackhillscorp.com). In addition, the Company's proposed and present tariffs may be viewed at [www.blackhillsenergy.com](http://www.blackhillsenergy.com) and the applicable Colorado statutes and Commission rules may be viewed at [www.dora.colorado.gov/puc](http://www.dora.colorado.gov/puc).

Any person may file written comments or objections concerning the filing, with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202, at the following website: [www.dora.state.co.us/pacific/PUC/puccomments](http://www.dora.state.co.us/pacific/PUC/puccomments). 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 application. Written objections (protests) must be filed at least ten (10) days before the proposed effective date of April 1, 2021. Filing a written objection (protest) by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding established in these matters. 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 suspend the proposed tariffs, rates, rules, or regulations. 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. If the filing is uncontested or unopposed, the Commission may determine the matter without a hearing and without further notice.

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