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Advice Letter No. 837

Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado 1560 Broadway, Suite 250 Denver, Colorado 80202

The accompanying tariff sheet issued by Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC d/b/a Black Hills Energy ("Black Hills" or the "Company"), is sent to you for filing in compliance with the requirements of the Public Utilities Law, the applicable rules of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado, including Rule 1210, 4 *Colorado Code of Regulations* 723-1, and the Company's tariff rules on Sheet 94D. The following tariff sheet is attached:

## COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 11

Colorado P.U.C. Sheet Number	Title of Sheet	Cancels Colorado P.U.C. Sheet Number	
Fourth Revised Tariff Sheet No. 94I	COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN SERVICE (CONTINUED) ELECTRIC	Third Revised Tariff Sheet No. 94I	

The principal purpose of this filing is to amend the tariff for Community Solar Gardens ("CSG"); specifically, to amend the CSG Fixed Bill Credits for the next annual period commencing January 1, 2023. The amended tariff is Sheet No. 94I. The amended tariff is to become effective January 1, 2023.

The CSG Fixed Bill Credits apply only to CSG subscribers and are used to determine the CSG subscriber's monthly bill credit. Specifically, CSG Fixed Bill Credits are the dollar amount on a per kWh basis paid to each subscriber for their share of photovoltaic energy that is produced by a CSG and delivered to the Company.

CSG Fixed Bill Credits have no effect on the Company's revenues because the credits are paid from the Company's Renewable Energy Standard Account.

The amended tariff in Sheet No. 94I, if allowed to go into effect by the Commission, will increase the CSG Fixed Bill Credit for Regular Residential, Small General Service Demand, Large General Service Secondary, Large General Service Primary, Large Power Service

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Secondary, Large Power Service Primary, Large Power Service Transmission, and Irrigation Pumping. The amended tariff will decrease the CSG Fixed Bill Credit for Residential Other and Small General Service Non-Demand.

Consistent with the Company's tariff, the proposed CSG Fixed Bill Credit calculation includes the Company's most recently approved Phase II electric rates for Transmission and Distribution components.

Further, the proposed CSG Fixed Bill Credit calculation reflects a deduction for the Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment ("DSMCA") charge, in compliance with Rule 3881(a)(I) and Decision No. C20-0628.

The proposed CSG Fixed Bill Credit impact for customers by rate sub-class is as follows:

Class	Subclass	Current CSG Fixed Bill Credit per kWh	Proposed 2023 CSG Fixed Bill Credit per kWh	<b>§</b> Difference	Percent Change
Residential	Regular	\$0.1180	\$0.1197	\$0.0017	1.44%
Residential	Other	\$0.0921	\$0.0909	-\$0.0012	-1.30%
Small General Service	Non-Demand	\$0.1200	\$0.1195	-\$0.0005	-0.42%
Small General Service	Demand	\$0.0942	\$0.1066	\$0.0124	13.16%
Large General Service	Secondary	\$0.0827	\$0.0970	\$0.0143	17.29%
Large General Service	Primary	\$0.0802	\$0.0971	\$0.0169	21.07%
Large Power Service	Secondary	\$0.0610	\$0.0778	\$0.0168	27.54%
Large Power Service	Primary	\$0.0644	\$0.0761	\$0.0117	18.17%
Large Power Service	Transmission	\$0.0816	\$0.0976	\$0.0160	19.61%
Irrigation	Pumping	\$0.1065	\$0.1106	\$0.0041	3.85%

## Table 1: Community Solar Garden (CSG) Fixed Bill Credits

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Attached hereto are Appendices A, B, and C. Appendix A provides the applicable tariff sheet. Appendix B provides a redlined version of the applicable tariff sheet. Appendix C provides support for the calculation of the CSG Fixed Bill Credits.

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. 837-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. 837-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. 837-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 sheet accompanying this advice letter become effective on January 1, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC

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