

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO
PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-_____ E

**IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 793 FILED BY BLACK HILLS
COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC TO ESTABLISH NEW TARIFFS FOR OPTIONAL
ATO DUAL FEEDER SERVICE TO BECOME EFFECTIVE ON DECEMBER 8, 2020.**

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE

Pursuant to C.R.S. § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E) and Rule 1207(b), Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC (“Black Hills” or “Company”), requests that the Commission enter an Order approving an alternative form of notice that will apply to Advice Letter No. 793-Electric. By Advice Letter No. 793-Electric, Black Hills seeks to establish new tariffs for optional ATO Dual Feeder Service, on Original Tariff Sheet Nos. 107, 107A, 107B, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff. ATO Dual Feeder Service is available to non-residential, demand-metered customers, except Lighting and Irrigation Pumping classifications and certain customers with grandfathered exemptions, who request supplemental electric service from the Company. Where available, the supplemental electric service shall be provided by the Company from an alternate substation unit source, when the initial electric source voltage from the preferred substation unit source is lost for any reason. Black Hills also asserts that conferral is not required for this Motion according to Commission Rule 1400(a)(I), and that responses to this Motion are not allowed according to Commission Rule 1207(b). In support of the relief requested, Black Hills states as follows:

1. On November 6, 2020, the Company filed Advice Letter No. 793-Electric to establish new, optional ATO Dual Feeder Service, on Original Tariff Sheet Nos. 107, 107A, 107B, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff.

2. By this Motion, Black Hills seeks Commission approval to provide alternative notice of its proposed tariff amendment.

3. Specifically, Black Hills seeks Commission authorization to use the following form of alternative notice:

- a. Filing with the Commission, and keeping open for inspection, Advice Letter No. 793-Electric, which establishes new, optional ATO Dual Feeder Service, on Original Tariff Sheet Nos. 107, 107A, 107B, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff. The Company will also post on its website at the time of filing: (1) a Customer Notice attached herewith as Attachment 1 and (2) Advice Letter No. 793-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheets, for thirty (30) days. The website posting will include a reference to the applicable proceeding number. The applicable website address for the posting of Advice Letter No. 793-Electric, Attachment 1, and the accompanying tariff sheets is: <http://www.blackhillsenergy.com/rates/applications>.
- b. Printing a message on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice and Advice Letter No. 793-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, and a toll-free phone number for assistance, beginning within one week after the filing of Advice Letter No. 793-Electric. The bill message will run for one full billing cycle. The bill message will read as follows:

Non-residential, Demand-Metered Customers:

Non residential customers with demand meters are eligible for optional ATO Dual Feeder Service if PUC approves the Company's tariff filing. Call 719.546.5885 or visit blackhillsenergy.com/rates/applications.

- c. Publishing a legal notice of Advice Letter No. 793-Electric (*i.e.*, Attachment 1), with size dimensions of four columns width and 11 inches height, in three newspapers of general circulation for the service territory: 1) *The Pueblo Chieftain* (two consecutive Tuesdays, November 17 and 24, 2020); and, 2) the *Cañon City Daily Record* (two consecutive Fridays, November 13 and 20, 2020); and, 3) the *Rocky Ford Daily Gazette* (two consecutive Thursdays, November 12 and 19, 2020).

4. There is good cause for the alternative form of notice requested by this Motion.

The Company's bill message does not conflict with its billing cycle, and it provides visibility to the customer because it is presented on the first page of the bill, where the customer looks for dollar amount due and the payment deadline. The toll-free phone number provided in the bill message will give customers a second option to learn more about the new tariff if they cannot access the internet for the Company's website. In addition, the newspaper publications will ensure general notice to customers throughout the Company's service territory. These alternative forms of notice are expeditious and economic for the Company's customers.

5. Wherefore, Black Hills respectfully requests that the Commission approve the alternative form of notice set forth in this Motion to establish new tariffs for optional ATO Dual Feeder Service, on Original Tariff Sheet Nos. 107, 107A, 107B, in the Rates section of its Colo. P.U.C. No. 11-Electric Tariff.

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