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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 and the applicable rules of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado (“Commission”), including Rule 1210, 4 *Colorado Code of Regulations* 723-1. 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
Twenty-Fifth Revised Sheet No. 65	ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT (CONTINUED) ELECTRIC	Twenty-Fourth Revised Sheet No. 65

The Energy Cost Adjustment (“ECA”) rate is updated to go into effect quarterly (January, April, July, and October) and is applicable to all retail customers. The ECA is a pass-through charge. The ECA recovers energy related costs incurred, such as fuel and purchased power costs, to meet customers’ energy needs. These costs incurred by the Company are strictly pass-through in nature.

The principal purpose of this filing is to amend the ECA rate consistent with the Company’s tariff as approved by Commission Decision No. C25-0183E in Proceeding No. 24AL-0275E.

If approved, the proposed ECA rates are to be prorated to bills for all kilowatt-hour usage beginning July 1, 2025. Consistent with Decision No. C25-0183E, this ECA will be the first quarter in which the Company applies a line loss adjustment in the calculation of its ECA rates. Going forward, the Company will apply a line loss adjustment depending upon the voltage categorization of the customer. A customer may fall into one of three categories: (1.) Secondary Voltage, (2.) Primary Voltage or (3.) Transmission Voltage. All residential and small commercial customers fall within the Secondary Voltage categorization. The proposed ECA rates are provided in Table 1.

Table 1

Voltage	Proposed ECA Rate (\$/kWh)	Increase/(Decrease)
Secondary	\$0.04867	\$0.0071
Primary	\$0.04786	\$0.0063
Transmission	\$0.04715	\$0.0056

There are two main drivers behind the increase in this quarter's ECA rates. First, the recovery true-up balance increased by approximately \$2.4M. Historical costs for the most recently concluded quarter ending April exceeded ECA revenues during the same quarter. Second, the Company forecasts an increase in estimated purchases for the system of approximately \$14.1M. The factors most influencing the \$14.1M are the forecasted cost to purchase power from the Company's independent power producing units as well as the forecasted cost to purchase other market energy.

The Company made both sales and purchases through the WEIS market. For the months of February, March and April, the Company incurred costs associated with the purchase of energy totaling \$0.5M and collected revenues associated with the sale of energy totaling approximately \$1.7M of energy. These values also account for a small amount of credits and charges related to uninstructed resource deviation, revenue neutrality uplift, and out of merit energy dispatch. The Company is forecasting a small amount of revenues in the coming year but is continuing to refine its forecast as more data becomes available.

If permitted to go into effect on July 1, 2025, the tariff revisions will increase annualized revenues by approximately \$11.9M. Based on this proposed increase, the average residential customer monthly bill, under Rate Schedule RS-1 with an average usage of 600 kWh per month, will increase \$4.54 from \$119.26 to \$123.80, or 3.81%. The average small commercial customer monthly bill, under Rate Schedule SGS-N with an average usage of 2,300 kWh per month, will increase \$17.38 from \$396.37 to \$413.75, or 4.44%.

Appendix A provides the applicable tariff sheet. Appendix B provides a redlined version of the applicable tariff sheet, and Appendix C provides the calculation support for the proposed ECA rate. Appendix D provides the rate trend report inclusive of the proposed ECA rate for secondary voltage customers.

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. 890-Electric and will post the notice and filing information on its website for 30 days. Second, a bill message will be printed on each applicable customer's bill providing the website URL for the Customer Notice, Advice Letter No. 890-Electric and its accompanying tariff sheet, and a toll-free phone number for assistance regarding the amendments. The bill messages will

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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 July 1, 2025. The Company's newspaper and website notices will inform customers of resources that are available to help pay their bills. Please send copies of all notices, pleadings, correspondence, and other documents regarding this filing to the following:

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