

# **PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD**

## **Black Hills Application for Changes in Rates**

Black Hills Energy (“Black Hills”) filed an Application with the Kansas Corporation Commission (“Commission” or “KCC”) on February 3, 2025, Docket No. 25-BHCG-298-RTS.

### **Public Hearing**

The Commission has scheduled a public hearing concerning Black Hills application, requesting a general rate increase in its rates charged for natural gas. This hearing will provide information about Black Hills application, including the potential impact on customers’ bills, as well as an opportunity for customers to ask questions and to present comments for the Commission’s consideration.

The public hearing typically consists of two parts: During the first part, representatives of Black Hills, KCC Staff and CURB will give short presentations about their roles in this docket. Each party will summarize the issues involved and will be available to answer customers’ questions pertaining to the application. In the second part of the public hearing, customers may make formal statements to the Commission concerning the application. However, the Commission may determine how to best accommodate the public participation in this proceeding.

The date and time of the **Public Hearing** is:

**Tuesday, April 29, 2025, beginning at 6:00 p.m.**

Wichita State University, Lowe Auditorium, Hughes Metropolitan Complex  
5015 E. 29<sup>th</sup> St. North  
Wichita, KS 67220

**The Commission will provide a livestream for the public hearing.**

Kansans wishing to make a public comment via Zoom during the hearing must register in advance at <https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters> to receive login information and time restraints for presentations.

As there may be limited capacity, registration will be first come, first serve. A live video stream will also be available on the KCC YouTube Channel and the Commission’s website: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC-uTcucl0oyHJr-iOheuuw> for individuals to watch, but not comment, during the public hearing. No registration is required for viewing only.

## **Comment Period**

In addition, the Commission is accepting written comments from the public until 5:00 p.m. (CDT), June 20, 2025. Comments regarding this case should reference Docket No. 25-BHCG-298-RTS. The public can mail their comments to the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection, 1500 SW Arrowhead Road, Topeka, Kansas 66604-4027. The public can also submit comments through the Commission's website <https://kcc.ks.gov/your-opinion-matters> or via electronic mail (sent to [kcc.public.affairs@ks.gov](mailto:kcc.public.affairs@ks.gov)).

A complete copy of the Commission's Order Adopting Procedural Schedule establishing this hearing and Black Hills application with supporting testimony is available on the Commission's website:

<https://estar.kcc.ks.gov/estar/portal/kscg/page/docket-docs/PSC/DocketDetails.aspx?DocketId=8567b6f8-bba2-48a5-b1dc-cf250ae34ef8>

The KCC has until August 29, 2025, to make a decision on the proposed changes to Black Hills natural gas rates in this proceeding.

## **Black Hills Application**

Black Hills is requesting to increase rates by \$17.2 million to recover costs already incurred by the company to support safe and reliable delivery of natural gas to customers. If approved, the average residential bill would increase by 17.6%. For a customer with average usage, that equates to an increase of approximately \$11 per month to take effect in the second half of 2025. Black Hills provides natural gas service to approximately 120,000 Kansas customers.

## **Evidentiary Hearing**

The Commission has scheduled an evidentiary hearing on the application for Monday, June 30, 2025, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central.

## **Additional Information is available from the KCC and CURB**

For more information about Black Hills application or the public hearing, contact the Kansas Corporation Commission Office of Public Affairs and Consumer Protection at 1-800-662-0027. Any persons requiring special accommodations at the hearing site under the Americans with Disabilities Act must give notice to the Commission at least 10 days prior to the scheduled hearing date by calling 1-800-662-0027.

The Citizens' Utility Ratepayer Board (CURB) can also be contacted at 785-271-3200 for further information.