

**NOTICE OF FILING AN APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO IMPLEMENT THE
ENERGY ASSISTANCE SYSTEM BENEFIT CHARGE
Colorado Natural Gas, Inc.**

You are hereby notified that Colorado Natural Gas, Inc. ("CNG" or "Company"), 10825 E. Geddes Ave, Suite 410, Centennial, Colorado 80112, has filed with the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission"), in accordance with the Public Utilities Law, an application to implement the Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge ("EASBC"). The purpose of this filing is to propose a new tariff to bill a monthly charge pursuant to House Bill 21-1105 ("HB21-1105") and pursuant to the proposed Rule 4412(m) that is pending approval in Proceeding No. 21R-0326EG1. This monthly charge is applicable to all natural gas rate schedules in the Company's Colorado P.U.C. No. 2 – Gas Tariff ("Tariff") and is effective October 1, 2021 if granted by the Commission. HB21-1105 requires that this monthly charge be assessed by investor-owned utilities beginning October 1, 2021, with certain customers exempt from this charge. HB21-1105 requires collection and disbursement of an energy assistance charge to help income-qualified customers with bill assistance in Colorado pursuant to § 40-8.7-104(2.5), C.R.S. HB21-1105. The EASBC will be collected by investor-owned utilities. The EASBC will then be transferred to Energy Outreach Colorado ("EOC") and subsequently disbursed by EOC for utility bill payment assistance and energy retrofits provided to low-income households and increases over time as follows.

Table 1. Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge

<u>Timeframe</u>	<u>Monthly Charge Amount</u>
October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022	\$0.50
October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023	\$0.75
Beginning October 1, 2023, unless repealed	Adjusted in accordance with the United States Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index ("CPI") for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood.

Table 2. Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge – 2021 Current & Proposed Monthly Bill Impacts

Customer Class	Current Average Monthly Bill	Proposed Average Monthly Bill	Monthly Change	% Change
Residential	\$ 94.97	\$ 95.47	\$0.50	0.53%
Small Commercial	\$ 483.08	\$ 483.58	\$0.50	0.10%
Large Commercial	\$ 4,275.53	\$ 4,276.03	\$0.50	0.01%
Interruptible Sales	\$ 9,836.57	\$ 9,837.07	\$0.50	0.01%

Copies of the Application as filed with the Commission are available for inspection, through the Commission's electronic filing system or at the office of the Commission at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202. Customers with questions concerning the Application may call the Commission

at (303) 894-2000; or, may contact CNG by telephone at or by email at 303-979-7680, customerservice@summitnaturalgas.com. In addition, the Company's proposed and present tariffs may be viewed at <https://www.coloradonaturalgas.com/rates-tariff> and the applicable Colorado statutes and Commission rules may be viewed at <https://puc.colorado.gov>. Any person may file a written objection to the Application with the Commission at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202 or email address Dora_PUC_website@state.co.us.

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