



September 24, 2025

**TO:** All Electric and Gas Utilities

**Subject:** Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge for 2025-2026

The Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge (EASBC) is a fixed monthly charge collected by the regulated electric and gas utilities from all ratepayers unless they opt-out or are otherwise exempted. The EASBC was enacted as a result of Colorado House Bill 21-1105 and is codified in statute at §40-8.7- 104(2.5), C.R.S. EASBC provides financial funding for income-qualified energy assistance programs.

The Rule 4412 (m) of the Rules Regulating Gas Utilities 4 CCR 723-4 and Rule 3412 (m) of the Rules Regulating Electric Utilities 4 CCR 723-3, provide for the Energy Assistance System Benefit Charge to be adjusted for inflation annually in accordance with changes in the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood beginning on October 1, 2025.

The Rule 4412 (m) (l) of the Rules Regulating Gas Utilities 4 CCR 723-4 and Rule 3412 (m) (l) of the Rules Regulating Electric Utilities 4 CCR 723-3 directs Commission staff to compute the charge adjusted by the index and to send a letter to each utility stating the EASBC charge to be paid by customers during the next calendar year.

Accordingly, Staff has considered inflation in accordance with changes in the United States Department of Labor’s Bureau of Labor Statistics Consumer Price Index for Denver-Aurora-Lakewood for All Items, for the latest available period of July 2024 to July 2025, at 2.1 percent. (Reference - [https://www.bls.gov/regions/mountain-plains/news-release/consumerpriceindex\\_denver.htm](https://www.bls.gov/regions/mountain-plains/news-release/consumerpriceindex_denver.htm)).

The EASBC, therefore, is computed as USD 0.83 (US Cents Eighty-One) for period starting October 1, 2025.

The following table summarizes the applicable EASBC charge:

<b>Effective On and After</b>	<b>Rate Schedules</b>	<b>EASBC - Monthly Charge</b>
October 1, 2021	All	\$0.50
October 1, 2022	All	\$0.75
October 1, 2023	All	\$0.79
October 1, 2024	All	\$0.81
October 1, 2025	All	\$0.83





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If you have any questions regarding the applicability of the interest rate on deposits, the manner in which the rate is calculated, or any other issues relating to this letter, please contact Dipesh Dipu of Commission Staff at [dipesh.dipu@state.co.us](mailto:dipesh.dipu@state.co.us).

Sincerely,

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