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24-06 Colorado Springs Utilities Board Instruction 4, Risk Management

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Purpose

The purpose of this high level review was to determine whether Colorado Springs Utilities complied with Utilities Board Instruction to the Chief Executive Officer, Policy I-4, Risk Management.

Highlights

Based on our review we conclude that Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities) and the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) were in compliance with Utilities Board Instructions to the Chief Executive Officer, Policy I-4, Risk Management (I-4) for the calendar year 2023.

The Office of the City Auditor completed our review as directed by City Council acting in its capacity as the Utilities Board. Under the Excellence in Governance Policy Manual, Guidelines, Organizational Oversight (E-2.3), the Office of the City Auditor is required to monitor compliance with Policy I-4, Risk Management annually.

Policy I-4 states, "The Chief Executive Officer shall direct that the enterprise maintain enterprise risk management activities that identify, assess, and prudently manage a variety of risks including strategic, financial, operational, legal and hazard."

Under the I-4 Policy, the CEO is required to maintain a Risk Management Committee, operate under, and maintain an Enterprise Risk Management Plan to include Energy Risk Management, Investment, and Financial Risk Management Plans.

Our audit included a review of the Risk Management Committee materials and written policies required by I-4. We interviewed Utilities personnel responsible for administering policies. Per the I-4, Utilities prepared semi-annual reports on Board instruction compliance results. We verified the accuracy and reliability of statements made in the August 16, 2023 and February 21, 2024 reports.

This audit was conducted in conformance with the International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing, a part of the Professional Practices Framework promulgated by the Institute of Internal Auditors.