

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23AL-0636G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1027 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6 - GAS TARIFF TO UPDATE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS TO RECEIVE A CONSTRUCTION ALLOWANCE, TO REQUIRE FULL PAYMENT OF THE METER SET, AND TO ADDRESS VOLUNTARY PERMANENT TERMINATIONS OF GAS SERVICE, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2024.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE**

Mailed Date: January 11, 2024

Adopted Date: January 10, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On December 29, 2023, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed a Motion for Approval of an Alternative Forms of Notice (Motion) to apply to Public Service's Advice Letter and tariff filing to revise its Natural Gas Service Distribution Extension Policy tariff to implement revisions, proposed to be effective February 1, 2024.

2. Public Service states that it filed Advice Letter No. 1027 – Gas on December 29, 2023, proposing to update the Company's Natural Gas Service Distribution Extension Policy Tariff to reflect the removal of incentives for an applicant to establish gas service to a property while permitting certain applicants to be exempted from such new tariff requirements through December 31, 2024. Public Service also seeks to implement tariff revisions clarifying that there are no changes for voluntarily and permanently terminating gas service to properties.

3. Public Service moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b), 4 Code of Colorado Regulations (CCR) 723-1, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, to provide alternative forms of notice for the Company's filing to its customers. Public Service requests Commission approval to use the following forms of notice:

- a. Posting the legal notice on the Company's public website and keeping the filing open for public inspection;
- b. Posting the filing materials on the Company's website within the first week of filing; and
- c. Publishing the legal notice in *The Denver Post* on one day during the first twenty days of the thirty-day period prior to the effective date of the proposed tariff revisions.

4. Public Service maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice, and that it will avoid incurring the expense that is entailed in other forms of statutory notice. Among its arguments in support of the Motion, the Company asserts that the proposed forms of notice will provide the required information regarding the Distribution Extension Policy Filing to the general public and is sufficient to alert affected and interested parties of the changes that the Company is proposing.

5. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 CCR 723-1-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to provide alternative forms of notice of a tariff change. We find the alternative forms of notice the Company proposes in the Motion will provide sufficient notice to its customers and will do so efficiently. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative forms of notice that the Company requests.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion for Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice, filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on December 29, 2023, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
December 27, 2023.**

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Director

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