BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO ABANDON CERTAIN ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS FACILITIES IN COLORADO.

APPLICATION NO. 34587

ORDER OF THE COMMISSION GRANTING AUTHORIZATION

April 20, 1982

STATEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On March 3, 1982, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Applicant) filed Application No. 34587 wherein it requests authorization of this Commission to abandon certain electric and natural gas facilities in Colorado pursuant to Rule 26 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure.

Notice of said application was given to all interested persons, firms and corporations on March 15, 1982. No Application to intervene or protests have been received by the Commission with respect to said application.

FINDINGS OF FACT

THE COMMISSION FINDS:

- 1. Applicant is an operating public utility subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission, engaged, inter alia, in the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity and the purchase, distribution, and sale of natural gas in various areas in the State of Colorado.
- The address of Applicant is: 550 Fifteenth Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.
- 3. Pursuant to Rule 26 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the Commission, Applicant proposes to abandon certain electric and natural gas facilities located in the following areas:

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION EXTENSION LINE - CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO

Abandonment of an Electric Distribution Extension Facility located in Conejos County, Colorado, generally west of Highway 285, southwest of La Jara and Northwest of Romero. Said facility extends from the northeast corner of Section 5, Township 34 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian continuing in a southerly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point approximately 30 feet west of and 50 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 5, Township 34 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, thence in a southerly direction a distance of approximately 30 feet west and 50 feet south of the E 1/4 corner of said Section 5.

A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 1 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately 13 years.

ELECTRIC DISTRIBUTION EXTENSION LINE - CONEJOS COUNTY, COLORADO

Abandonment of an Electric Distribution Extension Facility located in Conejos County, Colorado, generally west of Highway 285, southwest of La Jara and Northeast of Romero. Said facility extends from the northeast corner of Section 6, Township 34 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian continuing in a southerly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point approximately 30 feet west of and 50 feet south of the northeast corner of Section 6, Township 34 North, Range 9 East of the New Mexico Principal Meridian, thence in a southerly direction a distance of approximately 2,630 feet to a point approximately 30 feet west of the E 1/4 corner of said Section 6. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page 2 of Exhibit A.

No Customers have been served by these facilities for approximately 15 years.

1 1/4 Inch Gas Main Facility - County Line Road, Douglas County, Colorado

Abandonment of a 1 1/4 inch intermediate pressure Gas Main Facility located in the Douglas County, Colorado, generally southeast of Denver starting near County Line Road and South Broadway, continuing in a westerly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point approximately two thousand seven hundred eighty-five (2,785) feet west of the center line of South Broadway Boulevard and at the center line of County Line Road, thence west six hundred sixty-four (664) feet, more or less to point of terminus. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 3 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately two (2) years.

10 Inch and 8 Inch Gas Main Facility - County Line Road, Douglas County, Colorado

Abandonment of a 10 inch low pressure and two (2) segments of 8 inch intermediate pressure Gas Main Facilities located in Douglas County, Colorado, generally southeast of Denver, located south of County Line Road, near South Broadway Boulevard, continuing in a southerly then easterly, paralleled by the eight (8) inch facilities, to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point twenty-seven hundred and eighty five (2,785) feet west of the west property line of South Broadway Boulevard and at the south property line of County Line Road, thence south five hundred (500) feet more or less, thence southeast fifty (50) feet more or less, thence fifty (50) feet east more or less to point of terminus, together with two eight inch intermediate pressure mains extending approximately sixty-five (65) feet west from the aforesaid point of terminus. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 4 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately eleven (11) years.

4 Inch Gas Main Facility - Girard Avenue, Arapahoe County, Colorado

Abandonment of a 4 inch mil-wrap Gas Main Facility located in Arapahoe County, Colorado, generally southeast of Denver starting on Girard Avenue between South Corona Street and South Ogden Street, continuing in a southerly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point one hundred thirty-one (131) feet west of the west property line of South Corona Street and twenty-six (26) feet north of the south property line of East Girard Avenue, thence South one hundred sixty-three (163) feet more or less to point of terminus. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 5 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately one (1) year.

2 Inch Gas Main Facility - Grandview Avenue, Arvada, Jefferson, County, Colorado

Abandonment of a 2 inch mil-wrap Gas Main Facility located in the City of Arvada, Jefferson County, Colorado, generally northwest of Denver starting on Grandview Avenue and continuing in a northeasterly direction to Wadsworth Boulevard, then southerly to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point approximately fourteen (14) feet north of the south property line of grandview Avenue and at the west property line of Wadsworth Boulevard, thence east in Grandview Avenue sixteen (16) feet, thence south in Wadsworth Boulevard one hundred and thirty-four (134) feet more or less, to point of terminus, at approximately one hundred and twenty (120) feet south of the south property line of Grandview Avenue. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 6 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately fifteen (15) years.

2 Inch Gas Main Facility - Zuni Street, Denver, Colorado

Abandonment of a 2 inch mil-wrap Gas Main Facility located in the City and County of Denver, Colorado, generally northwest of downtown Denver starting on Zuni Street, between Speer Boulevard and W. 28th Avenue, continuing in a westerly then southerly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point two hundred and sixty-three (263) feet north of the north property line of West 27th Avenue and at thirty-four (34) feet east of the west property line of Zuni Street thence west one hundred seventy-four (174) feet more or less thence south one hundred (100) feet more or less to point of terminus. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 7 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately twenty-four (24) years.

3 Inch and 2 Inch Gas Main Facility - West Howard Place, Denver, Colorado

Abandonment of a 3 inch and 2 inch mil-wrap Gas Main Facility located in the City and County of Denver, Colorado, generally west of downtown Denver starting south of Colfax Avenue and southeast of Canosa Court, continuing in a southerly then easterly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point approximately three hundred forty (340) feet south of the south property line of West Colfax Avenue and forty-eight (48) feet east of the east property line of Canosa Court, thence south three hundred twenty-five (325) feet, thence east two hundred eighty (280) feet more or less to point of terminus. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 8 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately nine (9) years.

4 Inch Gas Main Facility - Lincoln Street, Denver, Colorado

Abandonment of a 4 inch cast iron Gas Main Facility located in the City and County of Denver, Colorado, generally within downtown Denver starting on Lincoln Street near 13th Avenue continuing in a westerly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point thirty-two (32) feet north of the south property line of East 13th Avenue and thirty-two (32) feet east of the west property line of Lincoln Street then west two hundred ninety-seven (297) feet more or less to point of terminus. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 9 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately six (6) years.

4 Inch Gas Main Facility - Court Place, Denver, Colorado

Abandonment of a 4 inch cast iron Gas Main Facility located in the City and County of Denver, Colorado, generally within downtown Denver starting on Court Place between 16th and 17th Street and continuing in a southwesterly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point one hundred sixty-nine (169) feet southwest of the southwest property line of 17th Street and twenty-six (26) feet southeast of the northwest property line of Court Place, thence southwest one hundred sixty-two (162) feet more or less to point of terminus. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page 10 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately one (1) year.

4 Inch Gas Main Facility - South Bellaire Street, Denver, Colorado

Abandonment of a 4 inch cast iron and 4 inch mil-wrap Gas Main Facility located in the City and County of Denver, Colorado, generally southeast of downtown Denver located northwest of South Bellaire Street and continuing in a northwesterly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point two hundred and ten (210) feet northwest of the west property line of South Bellaire Street and at the projected south property line of East Bails Place, thence northwest six hundred and forty (640) feet more or less to point of terminus. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 11 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately two (2) years.

2 Inch Gas Main Facility - 26th Avenue, Denver, Colorado

Abandonment of a 2 inch mil-wrap Gas Main Facility located in the City and County of Denver, Colorado, generally northwest of downtown Denver, starting on 26th Avenue between Alcott Street and Bryant Street and continuing in an easterly direction to a point of terminus. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point approximately twenty-eight (28) feet north of the south property line of West 26th Avenue and ninety-nine (99) feet east of the east property line of Bryant Street, thence east in West 26th Avenue one hundred and fifty-five (155) more or less to point of terminus. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 12 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately nine (9) years.

Go Boy Mine Lateral - Mesa County, Colorado

Abandonment of an Electric Distribution Extension facility located in Mesa County, Colorado, generally southeast of the Town of Palisade. The exact legal description is: Beginning at a point approximately 2,400 feet west and 600 feet north of the east one quarter (E 1/4) corner of Section 2, Township 11 South, Range 98 West of the Sixth Principal Meridian; thence easterly approximately 400 feet; thence northeastly to a point approximately 1,600 feet west and 900 feet north of the E 1/4 corner of said Section 2; thence southeasterly to the point of terminus approximately 1,000 feet west and 200 feet north of the E 1/4 corner of said Section 2. A diagram indicating the location of the proposed action is provided on Page No. 16 of Exhibit A.

No customers have been served by these facilities for approximately 15 years.

The abandonments are proposed for the reasons that the facilities are no longer used to render service of because of its deteriorated condition and there are no prospective customers. It is imprudent for the Company to incur the expense of maintaining electrical distribution and natural gas facilities which do not service any customers.

Attached to the application and made a part hereof by this reference, are the following exhibits:

Exhibit A contains maps which generally indicates the facilities proposed to be abandoned herein.

Exhibit B is the affidavit of J. H. Ranniger, a Vice President of Public Service Company of Colorado, in compliance with Rule 26 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and includes the form of Notice to each County's Board of Commissioners and City's Mayor.

CONCLUSIONS ON FINDINGS OF FACT

The Commission states and finds that the within application should be granted.

An appropriate order will be entered.

ORDER

THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

Public Service Company of Colorado be, and hereby is, authorized to abandon certain electric and natural gas facilities as more particularly described in Finding of Fact No. 3 herein.

This Order shall be effective forthwith.

DONE IN OPEN MEETING the 20th day of April, 1982.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners