

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03V-416E

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO
FOR A VARIANCE IN THE FILING DATE OF ITS ELECTRIC LEAST-COST RESOURCE
PLAN.

ORDER SHORTENING RESPONSE TIME

Mailed Date: October 1, 2003
Adopted Date: October 1, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On September 25, 2003, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed its Verified Petition for a Variance in the Filing Date of its Electric Least-Cost Resource Plan and for Shortened Response Time. The Petition requests that we extend the time an additional six months within which Public Service must file its Least-Cost Resource Plan (LCP). Under the Commission's Least-Cost Planning Rules, specifically Rule 3603, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-3, Public Service is required to file its LCP on October 31, 2003. For reasons stated in the Petition, Public Service requests that we extend the filing date for six months, and that we shorten the time within which interested persons may respond to the Petition.

2. Good cause having been shown, we grant the request to shorten response time to October 13, 2003. Public Service is directed to serve, by first class mail or by hand-delivery, a copy of the Petition to the persons who were parties to the Company's proceeding concerning its 1999 Integrated Resource Plan, Docket No. 99A-549E. When Public Service serves the Petition

upon those parties, it shall also notify them by cover letter that responses to the Petition must be filed with the Commission by October 13, 2003. Public Service shall serve the Petition upon these parties by October 3, 2003.

II. ORDER

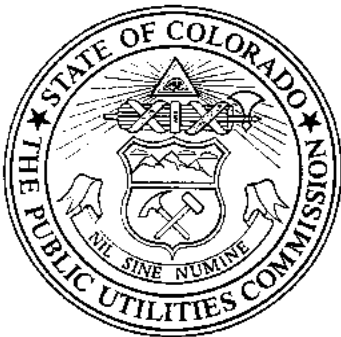
A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The request to shorten response time to the Verified Petition for a Variance in the Filing Date of its Electric Least-Cost Resource Plan by Public Service Company of Colorado is granted consistent with the above discussion.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

B. **ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING October 1, 2003.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Bruce N. Smith
Director

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