

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

DOCKET NO. 02S-315EG

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RE: THE INVESTIGATION AND SUSPENSION OF TARIFF SHEETS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO ADVICE LETTER NO. 1373 - ELECTRIC, ADVICE LETTER NO. 593 - GAS, AND ADVICE LETTER NO. 80 - STEAM.

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION**

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Mailed Date: December 31, 2003  
Adopted Date: December 30, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a motion of Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) for a one-month enlargement of time to file cost studies, filed on December 23, 2003.

2. As part of Public Service's Rate Case Settlement Agreement, approved by the Commission in Decision No. C03-0670 on June 26 2003, it agreed to file analyses concerning power plant costs, as originally required by the Commission in Decision No. C97-168 in Docket No. 94I-264E. The analyses that Public Service was required to file included studies calculating the fixed and variable portions of O&M costs; certain engineering and cost studies; a unit specific study justifying certain dispatch assumptions; and, a post-dispatch analysis of Public Service's economic dispatch logic and operation for the last two years.

3. According to Public Service, although it has been working to produce these analyses, it requires an additional month to complete them. Specifically, Public Service represents that recently completed enhancements to its Cougarplus model structure will provide a

more accurate post dispatch analysis of operations, however, one additional month is needed. Additionally, Public Service indicates it requires more time to evaluate “unique situations” at certain power plants to ensure that appropriate O&M costs are being reported on a plant-specific basis. Public Service also requests an additional month so that company personnel needed to review the reports will be available.

4. Public Service also asserts that since there is no pending filing that is dependent on this information, no prejudice will result if the Commission grants its request, and should greatly improve the usefulness of the results. Because the original deadline of January 1, 2003, is approaching, Public Service also asks for a waiver of response time in this matter.

5. Now, being duly advised in the matter, we grant Public Service’s request for a one-month extension of time to file its cost studies and waive response time.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The motion of Public Service Company of Colorado for a one-month enlargement of time to comply with the Rate Case Settlement Agreement to file its power plant cost studies and analyses to January 30, 2003 is granted.

2. Response time to the motion is waived.

3. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
December 30, 2003.**

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Director

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