

Date of Notice: April 18, 2012

NOTICE OF A CHANGE IN THE ELECTRIC AND GAS RATES OF
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO
1800 LARIMER STREET, DENVER, COLORADO 80202

You are hereby notified that Public Service Company of Colorado has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission an application seeking approval to revise its P.U.C. No. 6 – Gas Tariff and its P.U.C. No. 7 – Electric Tariff, to become effective May 19, 2012.

The Company filed an Application to implement its 2012-13 Electric and Natural Gas Affordability Programs in accordance with Commission's low-income program Rules for regulated electric and natural gas utilities set forth in 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations, (CCR)* 723-3-3412, Rules Regulating Electric Utilities and 4 *CCR* 723-4-4412, Rules Regulating Gas Utilities and Pipeline Operators, adopted by Decision No. C11-1217 in Docket No. 11R-110EG.

Specifically, the Company is proposing to eliminate the Pilot Low Income Adjustment schedule in both its P.U.C. No. 6 – Gas Tariff and its P.U.C. No. 7 – Electric Tariff and replace such schedules with permanent Gas/Electric Affordability Program Schedules. The new schedules are available to residential customers who have been qualified for and receive assistance from the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program. The new schedules have Affordability and Arrearage Forgiveness components. The affordability option consists of either a bill credit determined as one-twelfth of the difference between the Company's estimate of the qualified customer's annual gas/electric bill and three percent (3%) of the Qualified Customer's annual household income, or a Step Bill Discount of 20% or 25% for a Qualifying Customer's bill whose bills as a percentage of income are less than the three percent (3%) of income required by the Affordability option. The Arrearage Forgiveness component consists of a monthly credit that will be calculated and applied each month after receipt of the Qualified Customer's affordable percentage of income payment towards their current bill or a one-time credit to the Qualified Customer's bill.

In addition, the Company proposes revisions to the General Terms and Conditions section of its P.U.C. No. 6 – Gas Tariff and to the Rules and Regulations section of its P.U.C. No. 7 – Electric Tariff to modify the Discontinuance of Service by Company provisions in accordance with the Company's 2012-13 Electric and Natural Gas Affordability Programs. All revisions are proposed to become effective May 19, 2012. This filing has no net effect on the Company's annual revenues.

The proposed and present tariffs are available for examination and explanation at the business office of Public Service Company of Colorado, located at 1800 Larimer, Suite 1400, Denver, CO and at the office of the Public Utilities Commission of Colorado. Customers who have questions may call the Commission at (303) 894-2000, Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-4999, fax to Xcel Energy at 1-800-895-2895, or e-mail to inquire@xcelenergy.com.

Anyone who desires may file written objection. The filing of a written objection by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding on the proposed rate changes.

If you wish to participate as a party in any proceeding established in these matters, you must file written intervention documents under Rule 1401 of the Commission Rules of Practice and Procedure or any applicable Commission orders.

Anyone who desires to file a written objection to the proposed action, shall file it with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado, 80202, or email it to PUC@dora.state.co.us at least 10 days before the effective date.

The Public Utilities Commission may hold a hearing to determine what rates, rules and regulations will be authorized. If a hearing is held, the Commission may suspend the proposed rates, rules or regulations.

The rates, rules and regulations ultimately authorized may or may not be the same as those proposed and may include rates higher or lower than those proposed or currently in effect.

Attachment A

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Anyone who desires to receive notice of any hearing shall file a written request for notice with the Public Utilities Commission at the above address or alternatively shall contact the External Affairs Section of the Public Service Utilities Commission at 303 894-2070 or toll free 1-800-456-0858.

If a hearing is held, any member of the public may attend and may make a statement under oath about the proposed increase, whether or not he or she has filed an objection or intervention.

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