Decision No. C14-0382

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0295G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 860-GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS GAS DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT COST ADJUSTMENT TARIFF.

DECISION GRANTING APPLICATION FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE AND WAIVING RESPONSE TIME

Mailed Date: April 11, 2014 Adopted Date: April 9, 2014

I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Statement

- 1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of an Application for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice and for Waiver of Response Time (Application), filed on April 1, 2014 by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company).
- 2. Public Service requests the Commission enter an order approving an alternative form of notice pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(D), C.R.S., that will apply to its Advice Letter No. 860, filed on April 1, 2014, to revise its Gas Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment (G-DSMCA) tariff and implement an increase in the DSMCA factors effective July 1, 2014.
- 3. Public Service is seeking to provide the same form of notice as has been approved in the past with respect to all of the Company's prior advice letter filings to revise the gas DSMCA. Specifically, Public Service is seeking Commission approval to use the following form of alternative notice:

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- Filing with the Commission, and keeping open for inspection, the filing: a.
- b. Publishing a legal notice, attached to the Application as Exhibit 1, in The Denver Post, for two consecutive Sundays, starting on April 6th;
- c. Electronically serve the advice letter and associated tariffs on all parties to Proceeding Nos. 11A-631EG and 13A-0773EG, the proceedings initiated to consider the Company's 2012-2013 Biennial DSM Plan and the Pending 2104 DSM Plan, respectively.
- 4. Public Service argues there is good cause for the alternative form of notice. The Company would like to avoid incurring the expense associated with the other forms of statutory notice for an increase in its tariffed rates that is occurring consistent with the approved tariff governing the G-DSMCA. Public Service argues its proposed form of notice will provide direct notice to all parties who participated in the most recent cases involving its DSM Plans. The newspaper notices will provide the required information regarding the gas DSMCA Application to the general public, including the estimated impact on average residential and commercial customers.
- 5. The Application contains the information required by the applicable Commission rules and is therefore deemed complete.
- 6. We find good cause to grant the Application and to waive response time to it. We find that the alternative form of notice proposed by Public Service is reasonable with respect to the stakeholders and the general public. The Commission will discuss the merits of Advice Letter No. 860 at a future date.

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II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

- 1. The Application for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice and for Waiver of Response Time, filed on April 1, 2014 by Public Service Company of Colorado is granted and response time is waived.
 - 2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING April 9, 2014.

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