

Decision No. C19-1036

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 19L-0713ST

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO REVISE ITS STEAM COST ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020 UPON LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE.

**COMMISSION DECISION
AUTHORIZING AN UPWARD REVISION
TO THE STEAM COST ADJUSTMENT**

Mailed Date: December 27, 2019
Adopted Date: December 27, 2020

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statements, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On December 13, 2019, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Applicant) filed a verified application requesting a Commission decision authorizing it, without a formal hearing and on less-than-statutory notice, to increase the Steam Cost Adjustment (SCA) Factor and place into effect on January 1, 2020, tariffs resulting in an increase to its existing SCA rate now on file with the Commission (Application).

2. The proposed tariffs are attached to the Application as Exhibit No. 1 and affect Applicant's customers in Colorado.

3. In Decision No. R14-1217, Proceeding No. 14AL-0710ST issued October 6, 2014, Public Service was authorized to file quarterly revisions to its SCA factor.

4. Public Service, by this Application, requests authority to revise its SCA in accordance with Public Service's P.U.C. No. 1 – Steam Tariff. The effect of this Application, if approved, will be an increase in the rate to all of Applicant's steam customers of \$0.238 per

one thousand pounds. The net effect of the revision requested herein on Public Service's revenue will be a quarterly increase of \$78,974 from the level of revenues yielded by the currently effective SCA based on test period sales volumes. The resulting rate increase due to the SCA to Applicant's average steam customer is 1.09 percent.

5. The natural gas costs reflected in this filing are based on a projected natural gas cost of \$2.9452 per MMBTU as compared to \$3.2468 per MMBTU contained in the current SCA.

6. Public Service has mailed a notice to each affected customer as required in § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(B), C.R.S. Thus, the Applicant has met its statutory notice obligation.

7. The Commission finds good cause to allow the proposed increase on less-than-statutory notice. In addition, on its own motion, the Commission will waive Rule 1206(1) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, to permit Public Service to file new tariffs complying with this Decision on less than two business days' notice. We find this rule waiver necessary to permit the new tariffs to go into effect on January 1, 2020.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The application filed on December 13, 2019 by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) is deemed complete.

2. The application for authority to change tariffs on less-than-statutory notice is granted.

3. The application filed by Public Service requesting a decision of the Commission to increase the Steam Cost Adjustment application is granted.

4. Public Service is authorized to file, on not less than two days' notice, a new advice letter and the tariffs attached as Appendix A and made a part of this Decision. These tariffs shall be effective for actual steam sales on or after their effective date of January 1, 2020.

5. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114, C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the effective date of this Decision.

6. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
December 27, 2019.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners

CHAIRMAN JEFFREY P. ACKERMANN
ABSENT.