

Decision No. C20-0242-I

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

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0143G

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IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 965 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C NO. 6 GAS TARIFF TO REVISE THE DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT COST ADJUSTMENT TARIFF APPLICABLE TO RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL RATE SCHEDULES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020.

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**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING  
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE**

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Mailed Date: April 14, 2020

Adopted Date: April 8, 2020

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions**

1. On April 1, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or the Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (Motion) to apply to Public Service's Advice Letter No. 965-Gas.

2. In the Motion, Public Service states that through Advice Letter No. 965-Gas, the Company proposes to revise its Colorado P.U.C. No. 6-Gas tariff to implement a revised Gas Demand-Side Management Cost Adjustment (DSMCA-G) tariff to implement and update the DSMCA-G components effective July 1, 2020. Public Service states the Company is decreasing the DSMCA-G rates for Residential and Commercial customers. Public Service states the revised 2020 DSMCA-G reflects a decrease of \$1,428,005 in annual revenues from the DSMCA-G rates currently in effect.

3. By its Motion, in addition to posting the proposed tariff changes on its website and making them available for public inspection consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S., Public Service seeks approval to use as alternative notice:

- a. publishing a legal notice in *The Denver Post*, for two consecutive Sundays on April 5, 2020, and April 12, 2020; and
- b. providing electronic service of the Advice Letter and associated tariffs on all parties to Proceeding Nos. 16A-0512EG, the 2017/2018 Biennial DSM Plan, and 18A-0606EG, the 2019/2020 Biennial DSM Plan.

4. Public Service states that it seeks approval of this alternative form of notice in order to avoid the expense and confusion entailed in other forms of statutory notice. The Company estimates the cost of notice through individual mailings to be in excess of \$668,000. Public Service states that, to avoid inundating and confusing its customers with e-mail and text notifications for all filings, it is the Company's policy to only use e-mails for significant filings, such as rate cases, and to reserve text messages for outage and restoration information.

5. As good cause to grant the Motion, Public Service states the alternative form of notice will provide direct notice to all parties who participated in the most recent cases involving the Company's demand-side management plans and newspaper notice to the general public, while mitigating costs to average customers.

6. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to provide an alternative form of notice of proposed tariff changes. We find the alternative form of notice proposed by Public Service in its Motion to apply to Advice Letter No. 965-Gas is reasonable with respect to the Company's stakeholders and its general body of gas retail customers. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative form of notice requested by Public Service.

**II. ORDER**

**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The request for alternative form of notice to apply to Advice Letter No. 965-Gas proposed in the Motion for Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on April 1, 2020, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
April 8, 2020.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,  
Director

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OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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