Decision No. C22-0797-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22AL-0536G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1006 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6 - GAS TARIFF TO REVISE THE GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT ("GRSA") AND THE GRSA-PIPELINE SYSTEM INTEGRITY ADJUSTMENT ("GRSA-P"), TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2023.

INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF NOTICE

Mailed Date: December 9, 2022 Adopted Date: December 7, 2022

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

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On December 1, 2022, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 1006 – Gas, through which the Company seeks to: (a) eliminate the current 1.68 percent General Rate Schedule Adjustment (GRSA) charge and set that rate equal to zero effective January 1, 2023 in compliance with Decision No. C21-0406 in Proceeding No. 17AL-0363G (the Company's 2017 Gas Phase I Rate Case); and (b) revise the GRSA-Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment rates in compliance with Decision No. C21-0715 (PSIA Decision) in Proceeding No. 21A-0071G (the Company's 2021 Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment (PSIA)

Rider Extension Request) to reflect the 2021 PSIA revenue requirement and revenue true-ups.

- 2. Public Service states, as required by the PSIA Decision, notice of this advice letter filing will be filed in both Proceeding No. 21A-0071G and in Proceeding No. 18A-0422G. Public Service states that, further, in compliance with Rule 1207(g), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-1, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, notice of this advice letter filing will also be filed in Proceeding No. 17AL-0363G.
- 3. Public Service moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b), 4 CCR 723-1, of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, to provide alternative forms of notice for the Company's filing to its customers. The Company states that, in addition to posting the customer notice on its website and keeping the filing open for public inspection as mandated by § 40-3-104 (1)(c)(I), C.R.S., Public Service is seeking Commission approval to provide notice by publishing a legal notice, in the form attached to the Motion as Attachment A, in *The Denver Post*, once during the first 20 days of the 30-day period prior to the January 1, 2023 effective date of the change. Public Service states this notice procedure is less costly than the procedures prescribed by statute and is in addition to already-required forms of notice discussed above. Public Service states, further, newspaper notice is a reasonable form of notice for this filing because it provides nearly all customers the opportunity to obtain notice of the filing within 20 days of the filing.
- 4. Public Service maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice, and that it will avoid incurring the expenses that is entailed in other forms of statutory notice. The Company concludes the proposed alternative forms of notice will be sufficient to alert affected and interested parties to the tariff changes the Company is proposing, including by providing notice of the estimated impact on average gas customers.

5. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 CCR 723-1-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to provide alternative forms of notice of a tariff change. We find the alternative forms of notice the Company proposes in the Motion will provide sufficient notice to its customers and will do so efficiently. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative forms of notice that the Company requests.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice, filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on December 1, 2022, is granted.

- 2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.
- B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING December 7, 2022.

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