Decision No. C23-0283-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23AL-0177G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1015 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6 - GAS TARIFF TO INCREASE THE MONTHLY SURCHARGE INCLUDED WITHIN THE SERVICE AND FACILITY CHARGES FOR THE GAS AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 14, 2023.

INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE

Mailed Date: April 28, 2023 Adopted Date: April 19, 2023

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

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

- 1. On April 13, 2023, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed a Motion for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 1015 Gas, through which the Company seeks to revise the Gas Affordability Program (GAP) in the Company's Colorado P.U.C. Tariff No. 8 and increase the GAP fixed rates, effective May 14, 2023.
- 2. Public Service moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b), 4 Code of Colorado Regulations (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. Public Service requests Commission approval to use the following forms of notice:

- Posting the legal notice on the Company's public website and keeping the filing open for public inspection pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S.
- Posting the public filing materials on the Company's website within the first week of filing.
- Publishing the legal notice in *The Denver Post* for two weeks during the first twenty days of the thirty-day period prior to the effective date of the proposed tariff revisions, consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(A), C.R.S.
- 3. Public Service maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice, and this will avoid incurring the expenses associated with 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 changes the Company is proposing. The Company also states that it has been working collaboratively with several stakeholders regarding revisions proposed in Advice Letter No. 1015 Gas, and that these stakeholders are aware of this filing.
- 4. 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 in an efficient manner. 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 Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice, filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on April 13, 2023, is granted.

- This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date. 2.
- B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING April 19, 2023.



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

G. Harris Adams, Interim Director

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