Decision No. C23-0693-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23AL-0490G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1021 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6 - GAS TARIFF TO INCREASE ITS GAS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT COST ADJUSTMENT, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.

> INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE

> > Mailed Date:

October 13, 2023

Adopted Date: October 11, 2023

I. **BY THE COMMISSION** 

> Α. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On October 3, 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. 1021-Gas and tariff filing 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 an update to the DSMCA-G components effective

January 1, 2024.

2. Public Service states that, with this filing, the Company is increasing the

DSMCA-G rates for Residential and Commercial customers. The revised DSMCA-G reflects an

increase of \$6,629,141 in annual revenues from the DSMCA-G rates currently in effect.

3. 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 customer notice on the Company's website pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S.;
- Publishing a legal notice, attached to the Motion as Exhibit 1, in *The Denver Post*, on two consecutive Sundays; and
- Electronic service of the Advice Letter and associated tariffs on all parties to Proceeding Nos. 20A-0287EG, the 2021/2022 Biennial DSM Plan proceeding, and 22A-0315EG, the 2023 DSM Plan proceeding.
- 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 rate changes the Company is proposing, including by providing notice of the estimated impact on average Residential and Commercial 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 rate 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 Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice, filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on October 3, 2023, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

## B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING October 11, 2023.



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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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