

Decision No. C22-0593-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22AL-0046G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 993 – GAS OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO PUC NO. 8 – GAS TARIFF TO INCREASE JURISDICTIONAL BASE RATE REVENUES, IMPLEMENT NEW BASE RATES FOR ALL GAS RATE SCHEDULES, AND MAKE OTHER PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24, 2022.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION
SCHEDULING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE
AND REQUIRING FILINGS**

Mailed Date: September 30, 2022

Adopted Date: September 30, 2022

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On January 24, 2022, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed Advice Letter No. 993-Gas. Public Service seeks to amend its Colorado P.U.C. No. 6 – Gas tariff to initiate a comprehensive rate case for its gas utility operations.

2. By Decision No. C22-0091, issued on February 11, 2022, the Commission suspended the effective date of the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. 993-Gas until June 24, 2022, or until further order of the Commission.

3. By Decision No. C22-0247, issued on April 20, 2022, the Commission, among other things, accepted the procedural schedule proposed by Parties¹ in this proceeding. The

¹ The consensus procedural schedule was proposed by Public Service Company of Colorado; Staff of the Commission; A M Gas Transfer Corporation; Atmos Energy Corporation; Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc.; Climax Molybdenum Company; Colorado Natural Gas, Inc.; Energy Outreach Colorado; the Federal Executive Agencies; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local #111; Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.; WoodRiver Energy, LLC; Western Resource Advocates, National Resource Defense Council and Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (the Conservation Advocates); Onward Energy Management, LLC; Colorado Office of Utility Consumer Advocate.

Commission further suspended the effective date of the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. 993-Gas an additional 130 days, to November 1, 2022, pursuant to § 40-6-111(1), C.R.S.

4. The Commission held an evidentiary hearing in this Proceeding August 17 through August 30, 2022.

5. Parties in this Proceeding filed post-hearing Statements of Position on or around September 14, 2022.

6. The Commission began its deliberations for a final decision in this matter at a Commissioners' Deliberations Meeting (CDM) on September 28, 2022. The Commission continued its deliberations at a CDM on September 30, 2022.

B. Findings and Conclusions

7. We conclude that it is necessary for Public Service to calculate the new base rates for effect November 1, 2022 before we render our final written decision in this matter. We and our advisors do not have the ability to update the Company's cost of service study (COSS) to derive its established overall annual base rate revenue requirement for the Company's electric system or to update the accompanying class-allocated cost of service study (CCOSS) to derive the annual revenue requirement for each rate class based on allocations of the components of the overall revenue requirement. We must therefore require Public Service to update the COSS and CCOSS and to file those updates during the course of our continuing deliberations.

8. We direct Public Service to update its COSS and CCOSS and to design new base rates to replace those on the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. No. 993-Gas based on our oral deliberations on September 28, 2022 and September 30, 2022. Public Service shall also

United Energy Trading was granted intervention out of time in Decision No. C22-0299 and agreed to the consensus procedural schedule as proposed.

prepare a summary of the new base rates to replace those on the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. No. 993-Gas. Public Service also shall complete a bill impact summary in relation to these rates.

9. Public Service shall file the updated COSS, CCOSS, base rate summary, and bill impact analysis no later than October 6, 2022. Electronic executable files of worksheets and models shall also be filed in the E-filings system so that they are available to the parties, the Commissioners, and the Commission Advisory Staff.

10. We also conclude that a technical conference is necessary to assist the Commission in establishing the final rates to be implemented as a result of this Proceeding. We therefore schedule a remote technical conference on October 7, 2022. At the technical conference, Public Service shall present the calculation of the base rate revenue requirement and the COSS, the results of the CCOSS, the rate summary, and the bill impact analysis. The technical conference will be held before the Commission en banc and will be an on-the-record proceeding.

11. The remote technical conference will be held using the web-hosted video conferencing service Zoom. To minimize the potential that the video conference may be disrupted by non-participants, the link and meeting ID or access code will be provided to participants by e-mail before the technical conference, and the Company is prohibited from distributing that information to anyone not participating in the technical conference.

12. In order to facilitate our final examination of revenue requirements, rates, and tariffs, we direct Public Service to refile the subset of tariff sheets initially filed with Advice Letter No. 993-Gas that will be modified to implement the base rates established by the Commission. The updated tariff sheets shall show the modified base rates in redline, calculated in accordance with our oral deliberations on September 28, 2022 and September 30, 2022, the presentation made at

the October 7, 2022 technical conference, and any subsequent modifications required by the Commission through its continuing deliberations. The updated tariff sheet filing shall include the any further updates to the COSS, CCOSS, base rate summary, and bill impact analysis and shall be submitted no later than October 14, 2022.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) shall file an updated cost of service study, the accompanying class-allocated cost of service study, a base rate summary, and a bill impact analysis no later than October 6, 2022, consistent with the discussion above.

2. A remote technical conference is scheduled as follows:

DATE: October 7, 2022

TIME: 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: By video conference using Zoom at a link to be provided by email.

3. Public Service shall file updates to the tariff sheets initially filed with Advice Letter No. 993-Gas no later than October 14, 2022, consistent with the discussion above.

4. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' DELIBERATIONS MEETING
September 30, 2022.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Doug Dean,
Director

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Commissioners