

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23L-0606ST

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO REVISE ITS STEAM COST ADJUSTMENT TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024, ON LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE.

**COMMISSION DECISION DEEMING APPLICATION
COMPLETE AND GRANTING APPLICATION**

Mailed Date: December 21, 2023
Adopted Date: December 20, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statements

1. Public Service Company of Colorado d/b/a Xcel Energy (PSCo or Applicant) filed a Verified Application to update its Steam Cost Adjustment (SCA) rates. PSCo seeks a Commission order authorizing it, without a formal hearing and on less-than-statutory notice, to place into effect on January 1, 2024 a tariff resulting in an overall decrease

2. to its existing Steam rates on file with the Commission.

3. The proposed tariff is attached to the application and affects the Applicant's customers.

4. PSCo acknowledges that it has read and agrees to abide by the provisions of Rules 4002(b)(IV) through (VI) and Rules 4002(b)(XI)(A) through (C) of the Rules Regulating Steam Utility Operators, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-8.

B. Findings of Fact

5. The Applicant is an operating public utility subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission and is engaged in, *inter alia*, the purchase, distribution, transportation, and sale of Steam for public use in the Denver Metro area.

6. The purpose of the revisions of the Applicant's gas rates is to effectuate decreases for PSCo's Steam Customers, in the level of natural gas costs charged to the Applicant based on prices to be in effect as of January 1, 2024. The referenced prices are illustrated in Appendix A, attached to the Decision.

7. The effect of the above revisions is an overall decrease of \$569,877 to the Applicant's customers and reflected in Appendix A. This decrease represented a steam cost adjustment from \$4.817 per Mlb to \$4.490 per Mlb. The deferred cost goes from \$3.523 per Mlb to \$3.498 per Mlb.

8. Pursuant to Rule 1206(f)(I), Rules of Practice and Procedure 4 CCR 723-1, PSCo acknowledges its obligation to publish notice of the subject filing within three days after the filing of this application.

9. The Commission finds good cause to allow the proposed overall decrease on less-than-statutory notice.

II. ORDER**A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The verified application filed by PSCo is deemed complete.

2. Atmos is authorized to file, on not less than two days' notice; the tariff attached as Appendix A and made a part of this Decision. The tariff shall be effective for Steam gas sales on or after their effective date of January 1, 2024.

3. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114, C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the effective date of this Decision.

4. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
December 20, 2023.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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