

Decision No. R23-0596-I

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

PROCEEDING NO. 23A-0325G

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IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE NO. 1016 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO PUC NO. 6 - GAS TARIFF TO PROPOSE MODIFICATIONS TO PORTIONS OF ITS GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TO MAKE IT ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT THE COMPANY MAY SEEK THE RECOVERY OF THE COMMODITY COSTS OF LIQUIFIED NATURAL GAS AND COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS THROUGH THE GAS COST ADJUSTMENT, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JULY 17, 2023.

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**INTERIM DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
CONOR F. FARLEY  
VACATING AND RESETTING REMOTE HEARING AND  
EXTENDING DEADLINE FOR STATEMENTS OF  
POSITION**

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Mailed Date: September 11, 2023

**I. STATEMENT**

**A. Procedural Background**

1. On June 16, 2023, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) filed Advice Letter No. 1016 with a tariff sheet with proposed modifications to portions of its Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) for effect July 17, 2023.

2. On June 27, 2023, the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (UCA) filed a protest to Advice Letter No. 1016 (Protest).

3. On July 11, 2023, Public Service filed a response to UCA's Protest.

4. On July 14, 2023, the Commission issued Decision No. C23-0459 that suspended the effective date of the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. 1016 until November 14, 2023,

or until further order of the Commission. The Commission also established an intervention period until August 11, 2023. Finally, the Commission referred the proceeding to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

5. On July 27, 2023, the ALJ issued Decision No. R23-0495-I that scheduling remote prehearing conference for August 24, 2023, and required the parties to confer regarding a schedule for this proceeding, any discovery procedures that are inconsistent with the Commission's rules governing discovery, and the method by which the hearing should be conducted. Decision No. R23-0495-I also required Public Service to file a report of the conferral by July 21, 2023.

6. On July 27 and August 11, 2023, UCA and Trial Staff of the Commission filed their Notices of Intervention as of Right in this proceeding, respectively.

7. On August 18, 2023, Public Service filed the report required by Decision No. R23-0495-I.

8. On August 23, 2023, the ALJ issued Decision No. R23-0563-I that vacated the remote prehearing conference, extended the statutory deadline, scheduled the remote hearing in this proceeding for November 14, 2023, and established a procedural schedule including a December 8, 2023 deadline for Statements of Position.

9. On August 30, 2023, the ALJ sent an email to all counsel of record in this proceeding stating that the ALJ had a scheduling conflict with the November 14, 2023 hearing. The ALJ further requested that the parties confer and determine the best alternative date for the remote hearing from the following available dates on the ALJ's calendar: November 1-2, 6-8, 20-21, and 28-30, 2023.

10. On September 1, 2023, counsel for the parties responded stating that November 20, 2023 was the best date for the rescheduled remote evidentiary hearing. Counsel for the parties also requested that, in light of the change to the hearing date, the deadline for Statements of Position be changed to January 5, 2024. The disproportionate length of the requested deadline extension results from the change in hearing date and party scheduling issues during the holiday season.

**B. Hearing Date and Deadline for Statements of Position**

11. The remote evidentiary hearing date of November 14, 2023, will be vacated and reset to November 20, 2023. In addition, the deadline for Statements of Position will be extended to January 5, 2024.

**II. ORDER**

**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The remote evidentiary hearing currently scheduled for November 14, 2023, is vacated and reset as follows:

- DATE: November 20, 2023
- TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- WEBCAST: Commission Hearing Room
- METHOD: Join by video conference using Zoom at the link to be provided in an email from the Administrative Law Judge OR Commission Staff<sup>1</sup>

2. Nobody should attend the hearing in person.

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<sup>1</sup> Additional information about the Zoom platform and how to use the platform are available at: <https://zoom.us/>. All are strongly encouraged to participate in a test meeting prior to the scheduled hearing. See <https://zoom.us/test>.

3. The deadline for the filing of Statements of Position is extended to January 5, 2024.
4. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,  
Director