

Decision No. C20-0460

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

PROCEEDING NO. 20L-0256ST

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO REVISE ITS STEAM COST ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2020 UPON LESS THAN STATUTORY NOTICE.

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**COMMISSION DECISION AUTHORIZING  
AN UPWARD REVISION  
TO THE STEAM COST ADJUSTMENT**

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Mailed Date: June 24, 2020

Adopted Date: June 24, 2020

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statements, Findings, and Conclusions**

1. On June 15, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Applicant) filed a verified application requesting a Commission decision authorizing it, without a formal hearing and on less-than-statutory notice, to increase the Steam Cost Adjustment (SCA) Factor and place into effect on July 1, 2020, tariffs resulting in an increase to its existing SCA rate now on file with the Commission (Application).

2. The proposed tariffs are attached to the Application as Exhibit No. 1 and affect Applicant's customers in Colorado.

3. In Decision No. R14-1217, Proceeding No. 14AL-0710ST issued October 6, 2014, Public Service was authorized to file quarterly revisions to its SCA factor.

4. Public Service, by this Application, requests authority to revise its SCA in accordance with Public Service's P.U.C. No. 1 – Steam Tariff. The effect of this Application, if approved, will be an increase in the rate to all of Applicant's steam customers of \$0.307 per

one thousand pounds. The net effect of the revision requested herein on Public Service's revenue will be a quarterly increase of \$22,380 from the level of revenues yielded by the currently effective SCA based on test period sales volumes. The resulting rate increase due to the SCA to Applicant's average steam customer is 1.49 percent.

5. The natural gas costs reflected in this filing are based on a projected natural gas cost of \$2.6379 per MMBTU as compared to \$2.2803 per MMBTU contained in the current SCA.

6. Public Service has mailed a notice to each affected customer as required in § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(B), C.R.S. Thus, the Applicant has met its statutory notice obligation.

7. The Commission finds good cause to allow the proposed increase on less-than-statutory notice. Public Service shall file in a new Advice Letter proceeding, tariffs complying with this Decision on not less than two business days' notice.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. The application filed on June 15, 2020 by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) is deemed complete.

2. The application for authority to change tariffs on less-than-statutory notice is granted.

3. The application filed by Public Service requesting a decision of the Commission to increase the Steam Cost Adjustment application is granted.

4. Public Service shall file a new advice letter and tariff on not less than two business days' notice. The advice letter and tariff shall be filed as a new advice letter proceeding and shall comply with all applicable rules. In calculating the proposed effective date, the date

the filing is received at the Commission is not included in the notice period and the entire notice period must expire prior to the effective date. The advice letter and tariff must comply in all substantive respects to this Decision in order to be filed as a compliance filing on shortened notice. These tariffs shall be effective for actual electricity sales on or after their effective date of July 1, 2020.

5. 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.

6. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
June 24, 2020.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,  
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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