

Decision No. C24-0302-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24AL-0178G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1033 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6 - GAS TARIFF TO CHANGE THE GAS AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM ENROLLMENT TERMS TO ENSURE THAT INCOME QUALIFIED CUSTOMERS REMAIN ENROLLED IN THE PROGRAM FOR A MINIMUM OF 12 MONTHS TO RECEIVE 12 MONTHS OF BENEFITS, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 16, 2024.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE**

Mailed Date: May 3, 2024
Adopted Date: April 24, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On April 16, 2024, pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E) C.R.S. and Commission Rule 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, Public Service Company of Colorado, filed a Motion for Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice applicable to Advice Letter No. 1033–Gas. By Advice Letter No. 1033–Gas, Public Service seeks to amend the Gas Affordability Program (GAP) in the company's Colorado

P.U.C. No. 6–Gas Tariff to be effective May 16, 2024. The proposed revisions will ensure that income qualified customers remain enrolled in the program for a minimum of 12 months.

2. On April 17, 2024, the company filed an amended advice letter changing the effective date from May 16, 2024, to May 17, 2024. This Decision addresses whether the company’s request to use alternative forms of notice is appropriate for the advice letter as amended.

3. Public Service seeks Commission approval to use the following alternative forms of notice:

- a. Posting the legal notice on the company’s website and keeping the filing open for public inspection pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S.;
- b. Posting the public filing materials on the company’s website within the first week of filing;
- c. Emailing to stakeholders that participated in Proceeding No. 23AL-0177G, which was the company’s most recent substantive GAP advice letter filing, a copy of the public filing materials; and
- d. Notifying newly enrolled GAP participants, on a going forward basis, by letter that the company is making the change.

4. Public Service argues there is good cause for the alternative form of notice requested by this Motion. Public Service believes that these forms of notice are more economical than other forms of statutory notice and that they are the best method of notifying stakeholders and program participants.

5. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 CCR 723-1-1207(b) a utility may request to provide an alternative form of notice of proposed tariff changes. We find that the alternative forms of notice Public Service proposes in its 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 Public Service requests.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion for Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on April 16, 2024, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
April 24, 2024.**

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