

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 02S-315EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE INVESTIGATION AND SUSPENSION OF TARIFF SHEETS
FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO ADVICE LETTER NO. 1373 -
ELECTRIC, ADVICE LETTER NO. 593 - GAS, AND ADVICE LETTER NO. 80 - STEAM.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION VACATING HEARINGS
AND REMAINING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE,
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE,
AND WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: February 19, 2003

Adopted Date: February 19, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On February 18, 2003, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service), Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (collectively, Joint Movants) filed a motion requesting that the Commission: (1) vacate the current evidentiary hearings and the remaining procedural schedule in this case; (2) set new hearing dates; and (3) waive response time to the motion. The Joint Movants state that they and several intervenors have met to discuss the possible settlement of numerous issues in this proceeding, including cost of service issues, the ECA mechanism, and Public Service's trading operations. The Joint Movants are optimistic that a comprehensive settlement can be achieved since significant progress has been made on the disputed issues, but request more time to continue negotiations.

2. In order to allow the parties sufficient time to continue settlement negotiations, Public Service has agreed to file by February 19, 2003, amended advices letters to revise the

proposed effective dates of the suspended tariffs so that the suspension period is extended an additional 30 days, or until May 29, 2003. The Joint Movants suggest that the Commission hold a prehearing conference to reschedule the procedural dates in the case based on the new suspension period.

3. The Commission agrees that an extension of the hearing and procedural schedule should be granted, and that a prehearing conference will be the most efficient way to reschedule new hearing dates and the remaining procedural dates based on the new suspension period. The Commission will conduct a prehearing conference at the below stated time and place. The parties shall come prepared to discuss a new procedural schedule in this case. For example, the parties shall be prepared to discuss a date certain by which any proposed settlement will be filed with the Commission. Additionally, the parties shall be prepared to discuss the schedule for completion of this case in the event no settlement is reached.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Joint Motion to vacate the currently scheduled hearing dates and the remaining procedural schedule filed by Public Service Company of Colorado, Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, and the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel is granted contingent upon Public Service Company of Colorado filing amended advice letters (discussion above) by close of business on February 19, 2003.

2. A prehearing conference shall be held at the following time and place:

DATE: February 25, 2003

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

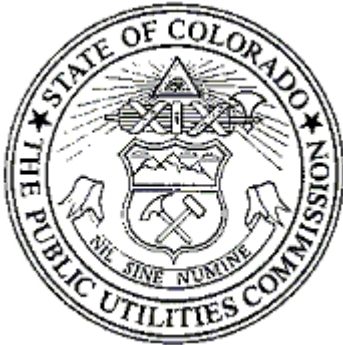
PLACE: Commission Hearing Room A
1580 Logan Street, Office Level 2
Denver, Colorado

3. Response time to the Joint Motion is waived.

4. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
February 19, 2003.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Bruce N. Smith
Director

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