

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 99A-377EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION FOR NEW CENTURY ENERGIES, INC. TO MERGE WITH NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY; FOR EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT REGULATORY PLAN WHICH INCLUDES AN EARNINGS SHARING MECHANISM; AND FOR SUCH OTHER RELIEF AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE OR NECESSARY.

**DECISION APPROVING MOTION FOR
APPROVAL TO SUPPLEMENT GAS QSP
REPORT AND WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: June 12, 2003

Adopted Date: June 4, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a motion to authorize Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service, or Company) to supplement and correct the Gas Leak Performance Repair Time data that was previously submitted to the Commission with its April 2003 Gas QSP report.

B. Background

2. In Decision No. C01-1330 the Commission approved a gas department Quality of Service Plan (QSP) for Public Service, to commence on January 1, 2002. On April 1, 2003, Public Service filed its first Gas QSP report. Commission Staff (Staff) was then to file its response to the Company's report. Public Service has discovered that the Gas Leak Permanent Repair Time data included with its Gas QSP report was incomplete. Public Service now proposes to file a supplemental and corrected Leak Permanent Repair Time report on or before

August 1, 2003. The Company proposes that Staff be granted one month, until September 1, 2003 to file its report. Public Service also seeks an extension of the date by which it must apply any bill credit that may be owing to its retail customers from the July to November billing cycle, and agrees to apply any bill credit that may be owing, plus interest accruing from July 1, 2003.

3. Public Service also requests that the Commission waive response time, as the Company notified Staff on May 23, 2003 that it was planning to seek additional time to supplement and correct its Leak Permanent Repair Time data.

II. DISCUSSION

4. Public Service discovered that a problem exists with its Leak Permanent Repair Time data, and now proposes a solution that addresses the relevant concerns. The Commission finds that the remedy proposed by Public Service is reasonable.

III. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The motion filed by Public Service Company of Colorado to file a supplemental and corrected Leak Permanent Repair Time report on or before August 1, 2003 is granted.

2. Commission Staff is granted an extension of time until September 1, 2003 to file its report.

3. Public Service Company of Colorado is granted an extension of the date by which it must apply any bill credit that may be owing to its retail customers from the July to November billing cycle. Public Service Company of Colorado shall apply any bill credit that may be owing, plus interest accruing from July 1, 2003.

4. Response time is waived.

5. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration begins on the first day after the Mailed Date of this Decision.

6. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
June 4, 2003.**

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