

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.

**ORDER GRANTING REQUEST
FOR SHORTENED RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: November 26, 2003
Adopted Date: November 26, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On November 21, 2003, Public Service Company of Colorado filed its motion requesting an extension of time to file its Phase II electric rate case and request for a shortened response time to the motion.

2. Now being duly advised in the matter, the Commission finds good cause has been stated for shortened response time. Response time to the motion will be shortened to noon, December 2, 2003.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The request for shortened response time to the motion for extension of time to file a Phase II electric rate case, filed by Public Service Company of Colorado, is granted. The

parties to this Docket shall be permitted to file responses to the motion for extension of time by noon, December 2, 2003.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
November 26, 2003.**

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