

Decision No. C03-1439

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03L-513ST

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

**COMMISSION ORDER AUTHORIZING
CERTAIN REVISIONS TO STEAM COST
ADJUSTMENTS ON LESS-THAN-STATUTORY NOTICE**

Mailed Date: December 22, 2003
Adopted Date: December 22, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On December 2, 2003, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Applicant) filed an application requesting an order of the Commission to increase the Steam Cost Adjustment (SCA). The proposed effective date is January 1, 2004. Public Service requests that this application be approved without formal hearing and on less-than-statutory notice.

2. Public Service is an operating public utility, subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission and is engaged in, *inter alia*, the generation, purchase, transmission, distribution, and sale of steam heat in downtown Denver, Colorado.

3. Public Service, by this application, requests authority to revise its SCA, in accordance with Commission Decision No. C85-1032, issued August 13, 1985, and Public Service's P.U.C. No. 1-Steam Tariff.

4. The effect of this application, if approved, will be a net increase in the rate to all of Applicant's steam customers of \$3.085 per one thousand pounds. The net effect of the revision requested herein on Public Service's revenue will be an annual increase of \$2,680,690 above the level of revenues yielded by the currently effective SCA based on test period sales volumes. The resulting total rate increase to Applicant's average steam customer is 22.99 percent.

5. The natural gas costs reflected in this filing are based on a projected natural gas cost of \$4.9957 per Dekatherm as compared to \$4.7152 contained in the current SCA effective June 1, 2003.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The application filed by Public Service Company of Colorado for authority to change tariffs on less-than-statutory notice is granted.

2. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
December 22, 2003.**

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