

Decision No. R04-1568-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 04S-164E

RE: THE INVESTIGATION AND SUSPENSION OF TARIFF SHEETS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY WITH ADVICE LETTER NO. 1411.

**INTERIM ORDER OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
MANA L. JENNINGS-FADER
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES
FOR TECHNICAL CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: December 29, 2004

I. STATEMENT

1. The captioned proceeding was commenced on March 26, 2004, when Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service), filed Advice Letter No. 1411 and accompanying tariff sheets with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Commission).

2. On June 10, 2004, the Commission adopted Decision No. C04-0704, setting the procedural schedule for this matter including setting January 4, 2005 for a technical conference. The technical conference on this matter has been assigned to the undersigned administrative law judge.

3. The purposes of the technical conference are: (a) to allow knowledgeable representatives of each party sponsoring a cost of service model to provide the demonstrations described in paragraph 4 below; and (b) to provide Commission Advisory Staff an opportunity to ask questions of those representatives concerning the demonstrations and how to correctly input other parties' adjustments into their model. Cost of service study models have been sponsored by Public Service and Trial Staff of the Commission (Trial Staff).

4. At the technical conference representatives of Public Service and of Trial Staff will be expected to demonstrate the following on the presenting party's model:

- a) an overview showing the data input fields, the application of allocation methods, and the output fields;
- b) how to change your respective model to incorporate either a single (for Trial Staff) or summer/winter (for Public Service) AED allocator;
- c) how to change your respective model to incorporate a 20 percent Peak & Average and 80 percent AED allocator instead of the advocated AED allocator (for both Public Service and Trial Staff);
- d) how to change your respective model to reflect classification of substation plant as distribution plant (for Public Service) or as transmission plant (for Trial Staff);
- e) how to change your respective model to reflect classification of radial transmission plant as specific assignment (for Public Service) or as part of general system transmission (for Trial Staff);
- f) how to change your respective model to reflect a secondary distribution system allocation base on individual maximum demands weighted by the total non-coincident peak and individual maximum demands (for Trial Staff) or weighted equally (50/50) for the individual maximum demand and the non-coincident peak (for Public Service);
- g) how to change your respective model to incorporate a 0.01 percent customer accounting expense allocation for lighting, interconnection and transformer rental classes (for Public Service) or to remove the 0.01 percent customer accounting expense allocation for lighting, interconnection and transformer rental classes (for Trial Staff); and
- h) how to change your respective model to create a separate RD (Residential Demand) rate class (for Public Service) or to consolidate the RD into the R (Residential) class (for Trial Staff).

5. Representatives presenting the demonstrations should be able to describe orally each individual step required to make the adjustments discussed above. Parties will be allowed to observe, but only Commission Advisory Staff will be allowed to ask questions during the technical conference.

6. A computer screen projector (an In-Focus brand) will be provided at the technical conference. Each presenting party will bring, and use during its presentation, its own laptop computer loaded with its cost of service model.

7. At the technical conference Public Service shall provide Commission Advisory Staff with a complete copy of Public Service's executable cost of service model that incorporates changes made to reflect the resolution of issues that Public Service agreed to in its rebuttal testimony.¹ This is the cost of service model which Public Service will use for its presentation.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The procedures described above are adopted and will be followed during the technical conference scheduled for January 4, 2005 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

2. The parties shall follow the procedures, and shall be prepared to make the presentations, described above.

3. This Order is effective immediately.

¹ Public Service shall also provide all data input files required to execute the model. The model shall be in Microsoft Excel format.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Administrative Law Judge