

Decision No. C22-0571-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22AL-0046G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 993 – GAS OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO PUC NO. 8 – GAS TARIFF TO INCREASE JURISDICTIONAL BASE RATE REVENUES, IMPLEMENT NEW BASE RATES FOR ALL GAS RATE SCHEDULES, AND MAKE OTHER PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 24, 2022.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION
GRANTING MOTION TO ACCEPT
OUT OF TIME STATEMENT OF POSITION**

Mailed Date: September 26, 2022
Adopted Date: September 21, 2022

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On January 24, 2022, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed Advice Letter No. 993-Gas. Public Service seeks to amend its Colorado P.U.C. No. 6 – Gas tariff to initiate a comprehensive rate case for its gas utility operations.

2. By Decision No. C22-0247, issued on April 20, 2022, the Commission, among other things, accepted the procedural schedule proposed by Parties¹ in this proceeding. This procedural schedule established a September 21, 2022 deadline for parties to file statements of position.

¹ The consensus procedural schedule was proposed by Public Service Company of Colorado; Staff of the Commission; A M Gas Transfer Corporation; Atmos Energy Corporation; Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc.; Climax Molybdenum Company; Colorado Natural Gas, Inc.; Energy Outreach Colorado; the Federal Executive Agencies; International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, Local #111; Tiger Natural Gas, Inc.; WoodRiver Energy, LLC; Western Resource Advocates, National Resource Defense Council and Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (the Conservation Advocates); Onward Energy Management, LLC; Colorado Office of Utility Consumer Advocate. United Energy Trading was granted intervention out of time in Decision No. C22-0299 and agreed to the consensus procedural schedule as proposed.

3. The Commission held an evidentiary hearing in this Proceeding August 17 through August 30, 2022. Onward Energy Management LLC (Onward Energy) requested and received excusal from the evidentiary hearing on the first day of hearing. At the evidentiary hearing, the Commission amended the deadline for parties to file statements of position to September 14, 2022. The Commission only announced this amended deadline orally during the hearing.

4. On September 14, 2022, Onward Energy filed its statement of position after the close of business. On September 15, 2022, Onward Energy filed a motion to accept its statement of position out of time (Motion). In its Motion, it states that it was unaware of the changed deadline but worked diligently to get its statement of position filed as quickly as possible. Onward Energy also served its statement of position on the other parties to this Proceeding.

B. Findings and Conclusions

5. We find good cause to accept Onward Energy’s late-filed statement of position. Accepting the late filing by Onward Energy will not prejudice the Commission or other parties in this Proceeding. As such, the Commission will consider the statement of position filed by Onward Energy in its deliberations in this Proceeding.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Unopposed Motion to Accept Statement of Position Out of Time filed by Onward Energy Management LLC on September 15, 2022 is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
September 21, 2022.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

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