

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24AL-0049G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1029 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6 - 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 29, 2024.

COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING MOTION

Issued Date: March 31, 2025

Adopted Date: March 26, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of the Motion for Partial Variance from Decision No. C25-0050 (“Motion”) filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service” or the “Company”) on March 24, 2025.

2. By this Decision, we grant the Motion and set April 11, 2025, as the deadline for Public Service to file the depreciation study required by previous Commission decisions in this Proceeding.

B. Procedural History

3. On January 29, 2024, Public Service filed Advice Letter No. 1029-Gas with revised tariff sheets to increase its base rate revenue collections for all natural gas sales and transportation services and to make certain other changes to the Company’s Colorado P.U.C. No. 6-Gas Tariff.

4. On October 25, 2024, through Decision No. C24-0778, the Commission permanently suspended the effective date of the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. 1029-Gas and ordered Public Service to file compliance tariffs with new base rates for retail gas service consistent with the Commission's findings and conclusions in Decision No. C24-0778.

5. On November 14, 2024, Public Service, Trial Staff of the Commission, and the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate ("UCA") filed applications seeking rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration ("RRR") of Decision No. C24-0778.

6. On December 12, 2024, by Decision No. C24-0916, so that they would not be denied by operation of law, the Commission granted these applications for RRR, for the sole purpose of tolling the 30-day statutory time limit for the Commission to act upon such applications in § 40-6-114(1), C.R.S.

7. On January 23, 2025, through Decision No. C25-0050, the Commission granted, in part, and denied, in part, the applications for RRR of Decision No. C24-0778 filed by Public Service, Trial Staff of the Commission, and UCA.

8. On February 12, 2025, UCA filed an Application for Rehearing, Reargument, or Reconsideration of Decision No. C25-0050 ("UCA RRR Application") seeking reconsideration of certain portions of Decision No. C25-0050.

9. On February 26, 2025, by Decision No. C25-0136, so that it would not be denied by operation of law, the Commission granted UCA's RRR Application, for the sole purpose of tolling the 30-day statutory time limit for the Commission to act upon such applications in § 40-6-114(1), C.R.S.

C. Motion for Partial Variance from Decision No. C25-0050

10. The Commission granted, by Decision No. C25-0050, Public Service's request for an extension of time to file an updated depreciation study, to March 31, 2025, roughly a month later than initially anticipated by the Commission in Decision No. C24-0778.

11. Through the Motion, Public Service seeks an order permitting the updated gas depreciation study be filed no later than April 11, 2025. Public Service points to issues with its staff availability, the current heavy case load of proceeding before the Commission, and the broad scope of Commission directives related to the study as the reasons why the Company requires additional time to finalize and prepare the application filing for the new depreciation study.

12. Public Service further states in the Motion that its request for additional time to file the depreciation study is unrelated to the matters still at issue with respect to the UCA RRR Application.

13. Public Service also states that it conferred with the parties in this Proceeding and that the Motion is unopposed. The Company thus asks for response time to the Motion to be waived.

D. Findings and Conclusions

14. Rule 1308(b), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* ("CCR") 723-1, permits the Commission to "shorten or waive response time to a motion upon motion of a party or on its own motion upon a finding that time is of the essence . . . The Commission can act immediately where response time is waived and after expiration of the shortened response time."

15. As the Motion is unopposed, we find that waiving response time will not prejudice any party and will allow this issue to be resolved expeditiously ahead of the March 31, 2025 deadline established in Decision No. C25-0050.

16. In accordance with Rule 1003 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1, the Commission may, for good cause shown, grant a variance from the substantive requirements contained in Commission decisions.

17. We find the reasons put forth in the Motion by Public Service, and the fact that the Motion is unopposed, constitute good cause to grant the requested variance. Accordingly, Public Service shall file the depreciation study required by the decisions rendered in this Proceeding no later than April 11, 2025.

18. The Commission will rule on the UCA RRR Application by separate decision.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Motion for Partial Variance from Decision No. C25-0050, filed on February 12, 2025, by Public Service Company of Colorado, is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file an Application for Rehearing, Reargument, or Reconsideration, begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

3. This Decision is effective immediately upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
March 26, 2025.**

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