

general rate schedule adjustment) to \$13.00. Public Service's proposed rates result in an increase in the average monthly bill for residential customers of \$1.90.

This rate filing represents a departure from the recent tradition of the Company making two separate rate filings (referred to as "Phase I" and "Phase II") to effect the implementation of revised base rates. Instead of proposing to recover its revenue deficiency through a General Rate Schedule Adjustment rider, and waiting to make a separate filing to allocate its cost of service to the various customer classes and to design its rates, Public Service has combined these two steps into one rate filing.

4. Public Service requests that the tariffs accompanying Advice Letter No. 647 - Gas become effective on June 27, 2005. Pursuant to § 40-6-111(1), C.R.S., the Commission may, in its discretion, set the tariffs for hearing which will suspend their effective date for 120 days. If the Commission does not establish new rates before the expiration date of the suspension period of 120 days, or, ~~September 24, 2005~~ [October 25, 2005], the tariffs filed by Public Service will become effective by operation of law. Section 40-6-111(1), C.R.S., also provides that the Commission may, in its discretion, by separate order, suspend the effective date of the tariffs for an additional 90 days. Thus, the Commission has the power and authority to suspend the effective date of the tariffs for a maximum of 210 days or, in this docket, until ~~December 23, 2005~~[January 23, 2006]. If the Commission further suspends, by separate order, the effective date of the tariffs for an additional 90 days, and if no new rates are established by the Commission on or before ~~December 23, 2005~~[January 23, 2006], the tariffs filed by Public Service will become effective by operation of law.

B. Findings of Fact

5. The Commission will set the proposed tariffs for hearing and will suspend their effective date because the rates, terms, or conditions contained in the tariffs may be improper.

6. A pleading to intervene may be filed by any person, firm, or corporation desiring to be a party and fully participate in this proceeding, as ordered below. The filing of any other document protesting the tariffs shall not allow participation as an intervenor in this matter.

7. Public Service did not file its proposed advice letter, tariffs, pre-filed testimony and exhibits electronically. While Commission rules do not require the filing of such documents electronically, we find it necessary to require Public Service to file all documents electronically to facilitate efficient information exchange in this large docket. Public Service shall file with the Commission electronic copies of its proposed Advice Letter No. 647 - Gas along with accompanying tariffs, pre-filed testimony and all exhibits, on disk in both PDF format and the underlying electronic format (Word or WordPerfect, for example), within 10 days of the effective date of this Decision.

II. ORDER.

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The effective date of the tariffs filed by Public Service Company of Colorado, on May 27, 2005, with Advice Letter No. 647 - Gas, is suspended for 120 days until ~~September 24, 2005~~[October 25, 2005], or until further order of the Commission.

2. Any person, firm, or corporation, including any who have previously filed a document protesting the proposed tariffs, who desire to intervene and participate as a party in this proceeding shall file a motion to intervene with the Commission within 30 days after the mailing date of this Decision, and shall serve a copy of the motion on the attorney of record for Public Service Company of Colorado.