

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0717G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 865-GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE
COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS SERVICE LATERAL EXTENSION AND
DISTRIBUTION MAIN EXTENSION POLICY TARIFF.

**DECISION GRANTING APPLICATION
FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE
AND WAIVING RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: July 11, 2014

Adopted Date: July 9, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of an Application for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice (Application), filed on June 27, 2014, by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company).

2. Public Service requests the Commission enter a decision approving an alternative form of notice pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(D), C.R.S., that will apply to its Advice Letter No. 865-Gas. The purpose of the advice letter is to revise Public Service's Service Lateral Extension and Distribution Main Extension Policy tariff, and to add a section to Tariff Sheet No. R51 addressing exceptions for system expansion.

3. Public Service is seeking to provide the same form of notice that has been approved in the past with respect to many of the Company's prior advice letter filings.

Specifically, Public Service is seeking Commission approval to use the following form of alternative notice:

- a. Filing with the Commission, and keeping open for inspection, the filing;
 - b. Publishing a legal notice, attached to the Application as Exhibit 1, in *The Denver Post*; and
 - c. Electronically service the advice letter and associated tariffs on all parties in consolidated Proceeding No. 13AL-0685G, where the service lateral extension and distribution issues were most recently addressed.
4. Public Service argues there is good cause for the alternative form of notice.

The Company would like to avoid incurring the expense associated with the other forms of statutory notice. Public Service estimates the cost of effectuating notice through individual mailings to be in excess of \$300,000. Public Service argues its proposed form of notice will provide direct notice to all parties who participated in the most recent case involving its extension and distribution policies. The newspaper notices will provide the required information regarding the advice letter to the general public.

5. The Application contains the information required by the applicable Commission rules and is therefore deemed complete.

6. We find good cause to grant the Application and to waive response time to it. We find that that alternative form of notice proposed by Public Service is reasonable with respect to the stakeholders and the general public. The Commission will discuss the merits of Advice Letter No. 865 at a future date.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Application for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice, filed on June 27, 2014, by Public Service Company of Colorado is granted and response time is waived.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

B. **ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING July 9, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
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