

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-1117ST

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR AN ORDER AUTHORIZING IT TO REVISE ITS STEAM COST ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015 WITH NOTICE OF SPECIAL PROCEDURES.

**COMMISSION DECISION AUTHORIZING UPWARD
REVISION TO STEAM COST ADJUSTMENT**

Mailed Date: December 12, 2014

Adopted Date: December 10, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On November 17, 2014, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Applicant) filed an application requesting a decision of the Commission to increase the Steam Cost Adjustment (SCA). The proposed effective date is January 1, 2015. Public Service requests that this application be approved without a formal hearing.

2. On November 21, 2014, Public Service filed an amendment to the application that corrected language in the application concerning referenced data used in the calculation of the SCA and a symbol on Tariff Sheet 9C. Public Service is an operating public utility subject to the jurisdiction of this Commission and is engaged, *inter alia*, in the generation, purchase, transmission, distribution, and sale of steam heat in downtown Denver, Colorado.

3. Public Service, by this application, requests authority to revise its SCA in accordance with Public Service's P.U.C. No. 1 - Steam Tariff. The effect of this application, if approved, will be a net increase in the rate to all of Applicant's steam customers of

\$2.515 per one thousand pounds. The net effect of the revision requested herein on Public Service's revenue will be an annual increase of \$2,424,640 above the level of revenues yielded by the currently effective SCA based on test period sales volumes. The resulting rate increase to Applicant's average steam customer is 12.97 percent.

4. The natural gas costs reflected in this filing are based on a projected natural gas cost of \$4.7002 per Dekatherm as compared to \$4.6527 contained in the current SCA, which was effective January 1, 2014.

5. Public Service has mailed a notice to each affected customer as required in § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(B), C.R.S. Thus, the Applicant has met its statutory notice obligation.

6. The Commission posted a public notice of this application on its website on November 18, 2014. No interventions opposing the application were filed. We find that the application is uncontested. The application will therefore be determined without a formal hearing, pursuant to § 40-6-109(5), C.R.S., and Rule 1403 of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1.

7. The application contains all of the information required by the Commission Rules and is therefore deemed complete.

8. The Commission finds good cause to grant the application.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The application filed on November 17, 2014 by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) and as amended on November 21, 2014 requesting a decision of the Commission to increase the Steam Cost Adjustment application is deemed complete.

2. The application filed by Public Service requesting a decision of the Commission to increase the Steam Cost Adjustment application is granted.

3. Public Service is authorized to file, on not less than two days' notice, the tariffs attached as Appendix A and made a part of this Decision. These tariffs shall be effective for actual steam sales on or after their effective date of January 1, 2015.

4. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114, C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the effective date of this Decision.

5. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
December 10, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean

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Director

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