

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 10AL-963G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 791 FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO INCREASE THE RATES FOR ALL NATURAL GAS SALES AND TRANSPORTATION SERVICES BY IMPLEMENTING A GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT (“GRSA”) IN THE COMPANY’S COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6 GAS TARIFF TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 17, 2011.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
MANA L. JENNINGS-FADER
VACATING HEARING**

Mailed Date: March 21, 2014

I. STATEMENT

1. On December 17, 2010, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service, PSCo, or the Company) filed Advice Letter No. 791-Gas with proposed tariff sheets. In that filing and as pertinent here, PSCo sought Commission approval of a Pipeline Safety Integrity Adjustment (PSIA) rate rider.

2. The procedural history of this Proceeding is set out in Interim Decisions previously issued in this matter. The procedural history is repeated here as necessary to put this Interim Decision in context.

3. On August 8, 2013, by Decision No. C13-0964 and as pertinent here, the Commission granted requests for a detailed review of the Company’s 2012 Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment (PSIA) Report, stated that the review would occur within the instant Proceeding, and referred the review to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). *Id.* at ¶¶ 25-27.

4. Unless the context indicates otherwise, Public Service, Climax Molybdenum Company (Climax), Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), and Trial Staff of the Commission (Staff) are the Parties.

5. On February 25, 2014, Public Service filed a Joint Motion to Approve Stipulation and Agreement. A Stipulation and Agreement (Stipulation) signed by the Company, OCC, and Staff accompanied that filing. Climax does not oppose the Stipulation.

6. After review of the Stipulation and the record, on February 28, 2014, the ALJ sent to the Parties electronic mail addressed to the Stipulation (ALJ correspondence). The ALJ correspondence contained 19 enumerated subject areas. The ALJ requested the Signatories to present at the March 5, 2014 hearing at least one witness prepared to answer the questions posed, and to address the subject areas discussed, in the ALJ correspondence. In addition, the ALJ requested counsel to be prepared to address legal issues identified in the ALJ correspondence.

7. On March 6, 2014, by Decision No. R14-0255-I, as relevant here, the ALJ ordered the Parties to file, not later than noon on March 19, 2014, their written responses to the questions posed, and the subject areas discussed, in the ALJ correspondence. In that Interim Decision, the ALJ also scheduled a March 28, 2014 evidentiary hearing on the Stipulation.

8. On March 19, 2014, the Parties filed Responses to the Questions of the Administrative Law Judge Regarding Stipulation and Agreement (Responses).

9. After review of the Responses, the ALJ finds that no evidentiary hearing on the Stipulation is necessary. The ALJ will vacate the March 28, 2014 evidentiary hearing.

10. The review of the Company's 2012 PSIA Report is taken under advisement.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The March 28, 2014 evidentiary hearing scheduled in this Proceeding is vacated.
2. The Parties are held to the advisements contained in the Interim Decisions entered in this Proceeding.
3. This Interim Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MANA L. JENNINGS-FADER

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director