BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20A-0300E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF WILDFIRE MITIGATION PLAN AND WILDFIRE PROTECTION RIDER.

INTERIM DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE ROBERT I. GARVEY RESCHEDULING SECOND DAY OF HEARING

Mailed Date: October 19, 2020

I. <u>STATEMENT</u>

A. Procedural History.

- 1. On July 17, 2020 at 1:55 p.m., Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Commission), a Verified Application (Application) for approval of its proposed Wildfire Mitigation Plan (WMP) and Wildfire Mitigation Rider (WPR).
- 2. In the Application, Public Service requests that the Commission: (1) approve the proposed WMP provided in Attachment SLJ-1 to the Application as reasonable and in the public interest; (2) authorize Public Service to implement its proposed WPR consistent with the terms and conditions reflected in the illustrative WPR tariff (Attachment BAT-2); (3) approve the Company's revenue requirement calculation reflected Attachment APF-1 (which will be used for the first annual WPR true-up adjustment), and approve the calculated 2021 WPR revenue requirement of \$17,185,038 (contained in Attachment APF-1); (4) authorize the Company to file a compliance advice letter within

20 days of the effective date of a final decision in this proceeding, but on not less than 15 days' notice, with WPR tariff sheets reflecting all terms and conditions that are approved as a result of this proceeding; and (5) authorize Public Service to defer the expenses incurred in connection with this proceeding into a regulatory asset without interest until they are included as expenses in its next Phase I electric rate case.

- 3. The procedural history of this proceeding is set out in previous Decisions and is repeated here as necessary to put this Decision in context
- 4. On October 2, 2020, by Decision No. R20-0705-I, a procedural schedule was adopted that called for an evidentiary hearing to be held in this matter on January 14 and 15, 2021.
- 5. On October 9, 2020, Governor Polis announced that January 15, 2021 would be a mandatory furlough day.
- 6. After consultation with the parties, the second day of the evidentiary hearing shall be rescheduled for January 19, 2021. If the second day of the hearing is necessary, the date for Statements of Position shall be moved to February 2, 2021. All other aspects of the procedural schedule remain unchanged.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The second day of the evidentiary hearing in this matter is rescheduled for January 19, 2021.

2. This Decision is effective immediately.



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean, Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ROBERT I. GARVEY

Administrative Law Judge