BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERV-) ICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR COM-) MISSION AUTHORIZATION (1) TO MERGE WITH SOUTHWESTERN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY THROUGH THE FOR-) MATION OF A REGISTERED PUBLIC UTILITY HOLDING COMPANY AND FOR) ISSUANCE OF SECURITIES IN CON-JUNCTION THEREWITH AND (2) TO IMPLEMENT A FIVE-YEAR REGULATORY) PLAN WHICH INCLUDES AN EARNING SHARING MECHANISM; FOR ESTAB-LISHMENT OF A PROCEDURAL SCHED-VILE; AND FOR SUCH OTHER RELIEF AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE OR NECES-SARY.

DOCKET NO. 95A-531EG

IN RE: THE INVESTIGATION OF THE)
ELECTRIC COST ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE)
OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF)
COLORADO.)

DOCKET NO. 95I-464E

INTERIM ORDER OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE KEN F. KIRKPATRICK SHORTENING RESPONSE TIME

Mailed Date: April 19, 1996

I. STATEMENT

- The undersigned was recently designated to deal with any future discovery disputes.
- 2. In order to maintain the tight schedule established by the Commission in this proceeding, the response time to any motion concerning a discovery dispute shall be five days.

II. <u>ORDER</u>

It is Ordered That:

- 1. Response time to all motions concerning discovery disputes shall be five days.
 - 2. This Order is effective immediately.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Administrative Law Judge