(Decision No. C93-856)

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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IN THE MATTER OF PROPOSED) RULEMAKING REGARDING LINE) DOCKET NO. 93R-417E EXTENSION POLICIES OF ELECTRIC) UTILITIES UNDER RULES 31 AND 32,) NOTICE OF PROPOSED 4 CCR 723-3.) RULEMAKING

> Mailed Date: July 23, 1993 Adopted Date: July 21, 1993

STATEMENT

BY THE COMMISSION:

On May 12, 1993, Public Service Company of Colorado ("Company") filed a petition to amend Rules 31 and 32, 4 CCR 723-3, regarding line extension policies for transmission and distribution lines of electric utilities. The company requests that these rules be replaced in their entirety with language similar to Rule 30, 4 CCR 723-4, regarding gas main extensions.

The current Rules 31 and 32 have detailed terms and conditions which govern line extension charges. The proposed changes would give the Company more flexibility in fashioning line extension tariffs. The proposed rules would allow the specific terms and conditions governing the Company's line extension charges to be set forth in the Company's tariffs rather than in the rules themselves. These terms and conditions would then be subject to Commission review under its suspension and hearing authority.

A copy of the proposed amended Rules 31 and 32 is attached to this notice. This rulemaking is done under the authority of §§ 40-2-108, C.R.S. (1992), 40-3-101, C.R.S. (1992), and 40-3-102, C.R.S. (1984).

THEREFORE THE COMMISSION ORDERS THAT:

1. This notice of proposed rulemaking shall be filed with the Secretary of State for publication in the August 10, 1993, edition of <u>The Colorado Register</u>. This notice shall be filed concurrently with the Office of Regulatory Reform.

2. A hearing of the proposed rule modifications and related matters shall be held before the Commissioners beginning at 9:00 a.m. on November 8, 1993, in Hearing Room A, Office Level 2 (OL-2), 1580 Logan Street, Denver, Colorado 80203. At the time set for hearing, interested parties may submit written comments and may present these orally unless the Commission deems oral comments are unnecessary.

3. Interested persons are encouraged to file their written comments 14 days prior to the hearing. All submissions received on or before the hearing shall be considered.

This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

ADOPTED IN OPEN MEETING July 21, 1993.

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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PROPOSED RULE 31 OF THE RULES REGULATING THE SERVICE OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES

BASIS AND PURPOSE

The basis and purpose of this modification to existing Rule 31 of the Rules Regulating the Service of Electric Utilities is to replace the existing rule in its entirety with the rule proposed below. The statutory authority for this modification is found in § 40-2-108, C.R.S.

RULE 31

Service Connection and Distribution Line Extension -- Each electric utility shall file with the Commission its specific rules, regulations, and policies providing for the making of service connections and distribution line extensions. No electric utility shall make or refuse to make any extension except as permitted by these rules, regulations, and policies, or by tariffs regularly filed and approved by the Commission, and which are open to public inspection at each office of the utility where applications for services are received.

PROPOSED RULE 32 OF THE RULES REGULATING THE SERVICE OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES

BASIS AND PURPOSE

The basis and purpose of this modification to existing Rule 32 of the Rules Regulating the Service of Electric utilities is to replace the existing rule in its entirety with the rule proposed below. The statutory authority for this modification is found in § 40-2-108, C.R.S.

RULE 32

<u>Electric Transmission Line Extension</u> -- Each electric utility shall file with the Commission its specific rules, regulations, and policies providing for the making of transmission line extensions. No electric utility shall make or refuse to make any extension except as permitted by these rules, regulations, and policies, or by tariffs regularly filed and approved by the Commission, and which are open to public inspection at each office of the utility where applications for services are received.