

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03A-489EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF
COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2003-2004 GAS PRICE VOLATILITY
MITIGATION PLAN.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO POSTPONE
PREHEARING CONFERENCE
AND NOTICE OF HEARING**

Mailed Date: January 29, 2004
Adopted Date: January 21, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of the Motion to Postpone Prehearing Conference filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service). The motion requests that we postpone the prehearing conference scheduled for January 21, 2004. As grounds therefore, the motion states that parties to the case will likely reach a settlement in the case, and continuing the prehearing conference will give them time to prepare a written settlement agreement for consideration by the Commission. Good cause having been stated we grant the motion consistent with the discussion here.

2. If the parties reach a settlement in this case, Public Service shall file the written agreement with the Commission on or before February 3, 2004. In this event, the Commission will conduct a hearing on the agreement on February 10, 2004. The parties shall be prepared to present such witnesses as necessary to support the agreement.¹ If no agreement is reached, the

¹ The February 10, 2004 hearing shall continue all day if necessary.

hearing on February 10, 2004 will be a prehearing conference to discuss the procedural schedule in this docket.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Motion to Postpone Prehearing Conference filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on January 16, 2004 is granted. The prehearing conference scheduled for January 21, 2004 is vacated. Response time to the motion is waived.

2. Public Service Company of Colorado shall file any written settlement agreement reached in this case on or before February 3, 2004. Consistent with the above discussion, hearing is set at the following time and place:

DATE:	February 10, 2004
TIME:	9:00 a.m.
PLACE:	Commission Hearing Room A 1580 Logan Street, OL-2 Denver, Colorado

3. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
January 21, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Commissioners