

Decision No. C04-0286

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 99A-377EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR COMMISSION AUTHORIZATION FOR NEW CENTURY ENERGIES, INC. TO MERGE WITH NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY; FOR EXTENSION OF THE CURRENT REGULATORY PLAN WHICH INCLUDES AN EARNINGS SHARING MECHANISM; AND FOR SUCH OTHER RELIEF AS MAY BE APPROPRIATE OR NECESSARY.

DOCKET NO. 02S-315EG

RE: THE INVESTIGATION AND SUSPENSION OF TARIFF SHEETS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO ADVICE LETTER NO. 1373 - ELECTRIC, ADVICE LETTER NO. 593 - GAS, AND ADVICE LETTER NO. 80 - STEAM.

**ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR
FURTHER EXTENSION OF TIME**

Mailed Date: March 19, 2004

Adopted Date: March 17, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of the Motion for Further Extension of Time to File Phase II Electric Rate Case filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company). The motion requests an extension of time to March 26, 2004 within which to file its Phase II electric case. We waive response time and grant the motion.

2. We note that this pending motion for extension of time is the latest in a series of motions that have resulted in over three months of delay in the filing of Public Service's Phase II. We expect that the Company will file its Phase II on March 26, 2004 without further delay.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Motion for Further Extension of Time to File Phase II Electric Rate Case filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on March 12, 2004 is granted consistent with the above discussion. Response time to the motion is waived.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
March 17, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Commissioners