

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-1058EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT (DSM) PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2015 AND 2016 AND TO CHANGE ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS DSM COST ADJUSTMENT RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015.

**DECISION GRANTING APPLICATION
FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE
AND WAIVING RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: November 10, 2014
Adopted Date: November 5, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On October 30, 2014, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or the Company) filed an application requesting Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice and for Waiver of Response Time (Application) to apply to its revised gas and electric Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment (DSMCA) tariffs to recover its 2015 gas and electric energy efficiency and demand response budgets and its forecasted 2015 expenses for its Interruptible Service Option Credit and Third Party Demand Response programs.

2. In support of its Application, Public Service states that it filed an Application for Approval of its 2015/2016 Demand Side Management (DSM) Plan and to Change its Electric and Gas DSMCA rates effective January 1, 2015.¹

¹ Proceeding No. 14A-1057EG.

3. Public Service contends that the proposed electric DSMCA rates will, together with base rates, recover the 2015 electric energy efficiency budget of \$81,623,698; \$13,731,985 for the demand response program budget, \$33,234,616 in forecasted Interruptible Service Option Credit Colorado PUC E-Filings System costs; and \$2,292,752 in forecast third-party demand response costs. These amounts are in addition to the DSM costs associated with periods prior to 2009, DSM deferred amounts and DSM incentives for prior periods that will continue to be recovered in the proposed DSMCA rates until such time as the costs have been fully recovered. The total of 2015 costs proposed to be collected through the combination of electric base rates and the electric DSMCA that are the subject of the Application filed in this proceeding is \$130,883,051, resulting in a net increase in the electric DSMCA of approximately \$6.9 million. Public Service claims that the proposed gas DSMCA rates will recover the 2015 gas DSM budget of \$13,098,305 million and will result in a small increase in the gas DSMCA rider.

4. In support of its proposed alternative form of notice, Public Service states that, by Decision No. C06-1451, Proceeding No. 06M-0596E issued December 12, 2006, the Commission granted the Company authority to provide alternative notice of its annual April 1 DSMCA tariff filings.

5. Specifically, in its Application, Public Service seeks authorization to use the following alternative form of notice:

- (a) filing of the change with the Commission and keeping open for inspection the filing;
- (b) publishing a legal notice in *The Denver Post* once each week on Sundays for two consecutive weeks, commencing November 2, 2014;
- (c) Electronic service of the Company's Application for Approval of its Electric and Natural Gas DSM Plans for Calendar Years 2015 and 2016, the accompanying Direct Testimony and Attachments of Shawn M. White, including the *pro forma* tariff DSMCA tariff sheets that the Company proposes to be effective on January 1, 2015, and the Direct Testimony and

Attachment of William T. Conrad on all persons who have intervened in Dockets pertaining to the Company's demand side management activities since 2007 when it filed Docket No. 07A-420E, the Company's initial application to greatly enhance its DSM activities. This service will include all parties to Docket No. 07A-420E, Docket No. 08A-366EG, Docket No. 10A-461EG, and Docket No. 10A-554EG, Docket 13A-0686EG, Proceeding No. 13A-0773EG as well as all stakeholders who have asked to receive notices respecting DSM roundtables conducted by the Company.

6. The Application contains all of the information required by Commission rules and is therefore deemed complete.

7. The Commission finds good cause to grant the Application and waive response time. We find that the alternative form of notice proposed by Public Service is reasonable with respect to the stakeholders and the general public.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The application filed October 30, 2014, by Public Service Company of Colorado requesting Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice and for Waiver of Response Time to apply to its revised gas and electric Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment tariffs to recover its 2015 gas and electric energy efficiency and demand response budgets and its forecasted 2015 expenses for its Interruptible Service Option Credit and Third Party Demand Response programs, is deemed complete and is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
November 5, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
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Commissioners