

Decision No. C14-1399

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-1116G

APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR COMMISSION APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE AND FOR WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME.

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

Mailed Date: November 25, 2014

Adopted Date: November 20, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On November 17, 2014, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed an application requesting Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice and for Waiver of Response Time (Application) to apply to its tariff filing to implement its annual Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment (PSIA) tariff filing, effective January 1, 2015.

2. Public Service states that it is filing Advice Letter No. 871 – Gas to implement new PSIA rates, effective January 1, 2015, as required by the PSIA clause in Public Service’s Colorado P.U.C. No. 6 – Gas tariff, Sheet Nos. 47 through 47B and Decision No. R14-0736¹ issued July 1, 2014 in Proceeding No. 10AL-963G.

3. Public Service states that, pursuant to the PSIA tariff and Decision No. R14-0736, Public Service’s customers and the public have received constructive notice that Public Service

¹ Public Service cites Decision no. “R14-0946.” Upon review, the Commission believes this citation is in error. Decision No. R14-0736 in Proceeding No. 10AL-963G establishes Public Service’s 2012 PSIA review and filing requirements for Public Service.

will file for new PSIA rates that will go into effect on January 1, 2015. Public Service states that neither the PSIA tariff nor Decision Nos. C11-0946 issued September 1, 2011 and R14-0736 approving the Company's PSIA tariff in Proceeding No. 10AL-963G provide for any additional or individual customer notice.

4. According to Public Service, the annual revenue increase from this filing is projected to be \$5,177,132. As compared to the Company's PSIA rates that went into effect on January 1, 2014, the revised PSIA reflects an increase of \$0.00281, from \$0.02612 to \$0.02893, on a per therm basis, and a \$0.02805 increase, from \$0.26123 to \$0.28928, on a per dekatherm basis.

5. In its Application for Alternative Notice, Public Service seeks authorization to use the following alternative form of notice:

(a) filing of the rate changes with the Commission and keeping the filing open for public inspection;

(b) publishing a legal notice attached to the Application as Exhibit 1² in *The Denver Post* on Sunday December 7, 2014; and

(c) posting to Public Service's website Advice Letter No. 871 – Gas and all related exhibits.

6. Public Service further states that it will also provide notice of the PSIA rate change directly to all of its natural gas customers through a bill insert, attached to the Application as Exhibit 2, included in customer bills during December 2014.

7. In support of its proposed alternative form of notice, Public Service contends that the newspaper notice, along with the other forms of notice and legal notice bill inserts they

² In its Application, Public Service states that "Attachment A" is included as the proposed legal notice. Concurrent with its Application, Public Service filed "Exhibit No. 1," titled "Notice of Public Service Company of Colorado 1800 Larimer Street, Denver, Colorado 80202-55533 To Revise Its Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment Rider"; and "Exhibit No. 2," titled "PSIA Bill Insert." We consider attached Exhibit Nos. 1 and 2 as the legal notice and bill insert proposed by the Company in its Application.

propose constitute reasonable and more cost-effective forms of notice for this filing than the notice procedures prescribed by statute.

8. The Application for Alternative Form of Notice contains all of the information required by Commission rules and is therefore deemed complete.

9. 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 November 17, 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 tariff filing to implement its annual Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment tariff filing, effective January 1, 2015, is deemed complete and is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
November 20, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director

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