

Decision No. C20-0166-I

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0092G

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IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 963 – GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS GAS AFFORDABILITY PROGRAM FIXED RATE IN COLORADO PUC NO. 6 – GAS TARIFF TO BECOME EFFECTIVE APRIL 5, 2020.

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**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING  
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE**

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Mailed Date: March 13, 2020  
Adopted Date: March 11, 2020

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions**

1. On March 5, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or the Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (Motion) to apply to Public Service’s Advice Letter No. 963 – Gas to apply to the revised Gas Affordability Program (GAP) rates to be effective April 5, 2020. Within its filing, the Company proposes to increase the GAP rates for all rate class customers, reflecting an increase of \$1,916,479 in annual revenues from the GAP rates currently in effect.

2. By its Motion, in addition to posting the proposed tariff changes on its website and making them available for public inspection consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S., Public Service seeks approval to use as alternative notice:

- a) Filing the proposed tariff change with the Commission and keeping the filing open for public inspection; and
- b) Publishing a legal notice (attached to the Motion as Exhibit 1) in *The Denver Post* during a weekday in lieu of a Sunday publication.

3. Public Service states that it seeks approval of the alternative forms of notice to avoid the expense and confusion entailed in other forms of statutory notice. Public Service states that, in order to avoid inundating its customers with email and text notifications for all filings that could potentially cause confusion, it is the Company's policy to only use emails for significant filings, such as rate case filings. It further states that text message notification is primarily reserved for outage and restoration information.

4. As good cause to grant the Motion, Public Service states that the alternative forms of notice will provide direct notice to all parties who participated in the most recent cases involving GAP. In addition, newspaper notice published during the weekday will provide the required information to the general public, while mitigating costs.

5. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to provide an alternative form of notice of proposed tariff changes. We find the alternative form of notice proposed by Public Service in its Motion to apply to Advice Letter No. 963-Gas is reasonable with respect to the Company's stakeholders and its general body of electric ratepayers. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative form of notice requested by Public Service.

## II. **ORDER**

### A. **It Is Ordered That:**

1. The request for alternative form of notice to apply to Advice Letter No. 963-Gas proposed in the Motion for Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on March 5, 2020, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
March 11, 2020.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
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Commissioners