

Decision No. C20-0323-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0180G

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 966 - GAS FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C NO. 6 - GAS TARIFF TO INCREASE THE FRONT RANGE PIPELINE FIRM GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AND FRONT RANGE PIPELINE INTERRUPTIBLE GAS TRANSPORTATION SERVICE SURCHARGES TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 26, 2020.

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

Mailed Date: May 1, 2020
Adopted Date: April 29, 2020

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On April 24, 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. 966-Gas.

2. In the Motion, Public Service states that through Advice Letter No. 966-Gas, the Company proposes to revise its Front Range Pipeline Firm Gas Transportation Service (Schedule TF-FRP Surcharge) and the Front Range Pipeline Interruptible Gas Transportation Service (Schedule TI-FRP Surcharge) in the Company's Colorado P.U.C. No. 6-Gas tariff, effective May 26, 2020. The Company states that, in compliance with Decision No. R19-0384 issued in Proceeding No. 18AL-0900G on May 1, 2019, the Company proposes to increase the TF-FRP and TI-FRP Surcharges in order to implement its authorized \$1,353,782 revenue requirement due to the May 25, 2020 expiration of the 12-month decrease to the revenue requirement associated with the Company's return of Federal Tax Cuts and Jobs Act savings.

3. The form of legal notice the Company proposes to provide is set forth in Attachment A to the Motion.

4. Public Service states that it requests authority to provide an alternative form of notice of the TF-FRP and TI-FRP Surcharges Filing to its affected retail gas transportation customers (Shippers). The Company explains it has four Shippers who hold firm contracts on the Front Range Pipeline, and other Shippers can nominate gas from the Chalk Bluffs Hub receipt points and incur Front Range Pipeline Surcharges.

5. In the Motion, Public Service states that, in addition to posting the legal notice on its website and keeping the filing open for public inspection as mandated by § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S., the Company seeks approval to use the following alternative forms of notice within the first 20 days of the 30-day noticing period:

- a. e-mailing the legal notice to the four Shippers who hold firm capacity contracts on the Front Range Pipeline; and
- b. posting the legal notice on the Company's electronic bulletin board (EBB), to which all Shippers who nominate gas on the Company's system have access.

6. In support of its Motion, Public Service states the proposed e-mail and EBB posting of the legal notice is less costly than the procedures prescribed by statute and less costly than publishing in *The Denver Post*. Public Service states that it believes the alternative forms of notice will provide the required information concerning the proposed tariff changes to affected and interested parties in a timely fashion.

7. 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. 966-Gas is

reasonable with respect to the Company’s stakeholders and its general body of gas 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. 966-Gas proposed in the Motion for Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on April 24, 2020, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS’ WEEKLY MEETING
April 29, 2020.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
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