

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20AL-0328E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1830 FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO IN COMPLIANCE WITH DECISION NO. C20-0505 IN PROCEEDING NO. 19AL-0268E TO INCREASE THE GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT (GRSA) TO BECOME EFFECTIVE AUGUST 10, 2020.

**INTERIM DECISION ON
REQUEST FOR STATUS CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: August 18, 2020
Adopted Date: August 12, 2020\

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I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This Decision sets a date of August 27, 2020 for a status conference in this Proceeding and requires Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) to file a brief supporting its claim that under the Commission’s Decisions in Proceeding

No. 19AL-0268E it is entitled to back-bill nearly \$5 million. This filing is due on August 19, 2020. All other matters are raised in Public Service's Request for a Status Conference (Request).

B. Discussion

2. On August 10, 2020, Public Service filed its Request in response to Commission Decision No. C20-0584-I which suspended the Company's compliance filing required by Decision No. C20-0505 in Proceeding No. 19AL-0268E, issued July 14, 2020. Public Service requests a status conference be set as soon as practicable to address several items.

3. Public Service requests discussion as to the conferral that occurred between Commission Trial Staff and Public Service regarding the Company's then forthcoming compliance advice letter and tariff, which was conducted pursuant to the Commission's directive in Decision No. C20-0505, and which Public Service claims resulted in alignment regarding the effect of the Commission's modification to the calculation of the base rate revenue deficiency.

4. The Company also wishes to discuss the process for it to bring forward legal and regulatory policy support for the application of changes made by Decision No. C20-0505 as of the original effective date of rates pursuant to Commission Decision No. C20-0096, issued February 11, 2020, given that the grant of rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration on an item alters and amends the original decision in consonance with § 40-6-114, C.R.S.

5. Finally, Public Service wishes to discuss approaches to bifurcate Commission consideration of the full application of the changes and modifications made by Decision No. C20-0505 as of the effective date of rates pursuant to Decision No. C20-0096.

C. Findings

6. We will set a status conference to discuss Public Service's concerns outlined in its Request, as well as other matters for August 27, 2020.

7. As for the Company's first bullet point, when the Commission deems it most appropriate, it will set a hearing at which time we will hear from Trial Staff.

8. The Company will have the opportunity to make its arguments for back-billing nearly \$5 million in the legal brief we will require to be filed by the close of business on August 19, 2020. We expect to see a robust brief that sets forth the Company's legal position; specific language in Decision Nos. C20-0096 and C20-0505 that authorize the proposed back-billing; as well as what regulatory practices allow the proposed back-billing.

9. We also find it appropriate to discuss any bifurcation of the advice letter matters in order to possibly allow previously approved base rate increases to go into effect while the controversial aspects of the Company's filing are addressed.

D. Remote Status Conference

10. A remote status conference is scheduled for August 27, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. The Commission will send the call-in information (telephone number and the Meeting ID/Access code) and the URL by email to Public Service and its counsel.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The request for status conference filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) on August 10, 2020 is granted consistent with the discussion above.

2. Public Service shall file a legal brief by the close of business on August 19, 2020 supporting its legal position; specific language in Decision Nos. C20-0096 and C20-0505 that authorize the proposed back-billing; as well as what regulatory practices allow the proposed back-billing.

3. A remote status conference in this Proceeding is scheduled as follows:

DATE: August 27, 2020

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

FOR WEBCAST: Hearing Room B

METHOD: Join by video conference at the link to be provided by the email from the Commission, **OR** Join by telephone number provided in the email, and when prompted enter the PIN 9or Meeting ID) in the email.

4. The parties, any witnesses, and members of the public should not attend the remote status conference in-person.

5. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 12, 2020.**

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Doug Dean,
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