

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

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**RE: IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE)
LETTER NO. 938-GAS FILED BY)
PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF) PROCEEDING NO. 18AL-____G
COLORADO TO REVISE ITS)
COLORADO PUC NO. 6 – GAS)
TARIFF)**

**MOTION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR COMMISSION
APPROVAL OF AN ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE**

Public Service Company of Colorado ("Public Service" or the "Company"), through its undersigned counsel and pursuant to Colo. Rev. Stat. § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(D) and Rule 1207(b), 4 Code of Colorado Regulations 723-1, hereby requests that the Colorado Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") approve an alternative form of notice applicable to the Company's filing of an advice letter and new tariff sheets to implement a new Distribution Extension Policy effective May 1, 2019.¹ In support of this Motion, Public Service states as follows:

1. On December 5, 2018, Public Service filed Advice No. 938 - Gas proposing that new Distribution Extension Policy tariffs take effect on May 1, 2019. The new Distribution Extension Policy is intended to provide administrative efficiencies,

¹ While the new Distribution Extension Policy tariffs could be effective on thirty days' notice or January 5, 2019, the Company requests that these new tariffs be suspended by the Commission on or before January 5, 2019 and become effective approximately 120 days after that suspension or May 1, 2019. To accommodate a procedural schedule to allow the new Distribution Extension Policy tariffs to become effective on that date, we respectfully request a Commission Decision in this proceeding by April 1, 2019, to allow time for final implementation of all necessary internal processes and program changes.

increased transparency, and improved customer satisfaction for customers requesting gas service at premises not connected to the Company's distribution system or that request an increase or change in their gas service that necessitates additional Company investment. The new Distribution Extension Policy includes new methodologies for determining customer cost responsibilities and appropriate investment in distribution system infrastructure by the Company.

2. By this Motion, the Company seeks authority under § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(D), C.R.S., to provide an alternative form of notice of the Company's new Distribution Extension Policy tariff to its gas retail customers. The Company is requesting Commission authorization to provide notice of the proposed tariff changes through publication in the Legal Classified section of the *Denver Post*, a newspaper of general circulation. This notice procedure is less costly than the procedures prescribed by statute. Newspaper notice is a reasonable form of notice for this filing because it will provide the required information regarding the new Distribution Extension Policy tariffs to the general public. It is also reasonable because the Company intends to provide direct notice via electronic mail being sent to all interested stakeholders who filed comments in Proceeding No. 18M-0082EG. As such, the proposed alternative notice should be sufficient to alert affected and interested parties of the changes that the Company is proposing by this Advice Letter in a timely fashion.

3. Specifically, by this Motion, the Company is seeking authorization to use the following alternative forms of notice:

- a. Filing of the tariff change with the Commission and keeping open for public inspection the filing;

- b. Publishing a legal notice in the Denver Post for two consecutive Sundays, on December 9 and December 16, 2018;
- c. The new tariff sheets will be available for examination at the main office of Public Service, 1800 Larimer Street, Suite 1400, Denver, Colorado 80202-5533 and a copy of the filing will be posted on the Company's website; and
- d. Electronic service of the filing on all parties to Proceeding No. 18M-0082EG.

4. The Commission has approved similar alternative notice requests in connection with the Company's prior Gas Distribution Line Extension filings. See Decision No. C13-0765 (mailed June 21, 2013) in Proceeding No. 13A-0684G.

5. The Company plans to go forward with these alternative forms of notice. Should the Commission deny this Motion, the Company will proceed to provide additional notice consistent with the Commission's order. A copy of the legal notice is attached as Attachment 1.

6. There is good cause for the Commission to approve the alternative form of notice requested by this Motion. In addition to filing the new Distribution Extension Policy with the Commission and keeping it open for public inspection, this proposed form of notice will provide the required information regarding the new Distribution Extension Policy tariffs to the general public by means of publication of a Legal Notice in the *Denver Post*, as well as electronic notice being sent to all interested stakeholders who filed comments in Proceeding No. 18M-0082EG.

WHEREFORE, Public Service Company of Colorado respectfully requests that the Commission approve the requested alternative form of notice set forth in this Motion for an Alternative Form of Notice.

Dated this 5th day of December, 2018.

Respectfully submitted,

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