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Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado 1560 Broadway, Suite 250 Denver, Colorado 80202

The accompanying tariff sheets issued by Public Service Company of Colorado ("Public Service" or the "Company") are sent to you for filing in accordance with the requirements of the Public Utilities Law and the applicable rules of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado ("Commission"), including Rule 1210, 4 *Colorado Code of Regulations* 723-1:

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The Company is filing this 2024 Phase I Gas Rate Case because Public Service has continued to make fundamental infrastructure investments in the safety and reliability of the natural gas system to serve customers since the Company's last natural gas rate case (Proceeding No. 22AL-0046G). As such, the primary purpose of this tariff filing is to revise base rate revenue for all natural gas sales and transportation services in the Company's Colorado P.U.C. No. 6 – Gas Tariff ("Gas Tariff"), as proposed in the Direct Testimony and Attachments accompanying this filing. The Company also is proposing certain other changes to its Gas Tariff, as discussed below.

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Public Service is seeking a total increase in base rate revenues of \$170,655,825, when compared to the Company's present base rate revenue of \$793,561,237, using a test year consisting of the twelve months ended December 31, 2023 ("2023 Test Year"). The 2023 Test Year is based upon actual historical operations and maintenance costs for the 12 months ended September 30, 2023, with certain known and measurable adjustments; 2023 Test Year revenues based on forecasted customer counts and Dekatherm throughput data by customer class through December 31, 2023; and capital additions expected to close to plant in-service by December 31, 2023. The total 2023 Test Year base rate revenue requirement of \$964,217,062, excluding costs collected through the Gas Cost Adjustment, Extraordinary Gas Cost Recovery Rider ("EGCRR"), and Gas Demand-Side Management Cost Adjustment, is based on a revenue requirement study using a return on equity of 10.25 percent, a cost of long-term debt of 4.05 percent, a short-term cost of debt of 5.81 percent, and a capital structure of 55.0 percent equity, 43.18 percent long-term debt, and 1.82 percent short-term debt, which results in an overall weighted average cost of capital of 7.50 percent.

In addition to the requested changes in base rate revenue, the Company requests Commission approval of certain tariff revisions, including, but not limited to: a new revenue deferral surcharge ("RDS") tariff, a new revenue stability mechanism ("RSM") reflecting the Company's revenue decoupling proposal, an updated General Rate Schedule Adjustment ("GRSA") based on the Company's proposed revenue requirement, an updated Gas Quality of Service Plan ("QSP") tariff, an updated schedule of charges for rendering service, updates to standardized costs for gas line extensions, and changes to the Gas Storage Inventory Cost to allow for a return at the Company's weighted average cost of capital. These proposed tariff revisions are discussed in more detail in the Direct Testimony and attachments supporting the Company's Advice Letter and this filing. In addition to the foregoing, the Company requests that the Commission approve its requested trackers and deferrals, and amortization of deferred costs at the Company's weighted average cost of capital (with the exception of rate case expenses, for which the Company does not propose a carrying cost).

As part of its tariff proposals in this case, the Company is proposing the following:

• RDS: The RDS is a proposed revenue deferral mechanism that would moderate the impact of the necessary rate increases in this proceeding. The Company's proposal would not change the effective date of new rates but would defer collection of the incremental increases in base rate revenue from customers until February 15, 2025, when costs collected through the EGCRR (implemented as a result of Winter Storm Uri) will no longer be a component of customer bills. Beginning on February 15, 2025, the Company proposes to start collecting both new base rates in effect on November 1,

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2024¹ and incremental revenue deferred from that date through February 14, 2025. Beginning February 15, 2025, the RDS would be billed over a period of 12 months, subject to true up. Under this proposal, customers will not pay for both extraordinary gas costs and increased base rates at the same time, thereby helping to stabilize customers' monthly bills.

- RSM: The RSM is a decoupling mechanism based on a total revenues approach, which would become effective at the beginning of the month in which rates become effective, which is proposed by the Company to be November 1, 2024. The RSM applies to the Residential and Small Commercial rate schedules, Schedules RG and CSG, respectively.
- <u>GRSA</u>: Revise the GRSA in the Gas Tariff so that it is applied to base rates, exclusive of Service and Facility charges,² with such change effective on February 15, 2025, consistent with the Company's RDS proposal.
- QSP: Extend the Company's QSP for an additional two years, through 2026, retaining the metrics that just became effective on January 1, 2023.

The Company's filing also addresses compliance matters resulting from Senate Bill ("SB") 23-291 and the Commission's subsequent temporary rules for rate case filing procedures adopted in Proceeding No. 23R-0408EG ("Temporary Rules"). SB 23-291 places many new requirements on public utilities, some of which are applicable to rate case filings. To the Company's knowledge, this Advice Letter filing is the first Colorado public utility rate case following the enactment of SB 23-291 and the Temporary Rules. SB 23-291, as codified, amended C.R.S. § 40-3-114, now prohibits cost recovery for the following expenses:

- More than 50 percent of annual total compensation or of expense reimbursement for members of the board of directors of the utility;
- Tax penalties or fines issued against the utility;
- Investor-relation expenses;
- Advertising and public relations expenses that do not directly relate to a purpose or program that is required or authorized under statute or Commission rule or order, including:
 - o Communications to promote or improve the utility's brand;

¹ As noted herein, the Company requests an effective date of November 1, 2024, after suspension.

² The current structure of the GRSA applies to all base rates, including the Services and Facility charges.

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- o Expenses for the purpose of influencing public opinion about the utility; and
- o Expenses intended to create good will toward the utility from the general public.
- Expenses for lobbying or other activities meant to influence the outcome of any local, state, or federal legislation, ordinance, resolution, or ballot measure;
- Charitable giving expenses, including contributions to organizations qualified under Section 501(c)(3) or 501(c)(4) of the federal "Internal Revenue Code of 1986," 26 U.S.C. § 501, as amended;
- Organizational or membership dues, or other contributions, to any organization, association, institution, corporation, or other entity that engages in lobbying or other similar activities intended to influence the outcome of any local, state, or federal legislation, ordinance, resolution, rule, ballot measure, or other regulatory decision. However, this does not apply to a utility employee's or contract worker's activities resulting from any voluntary dues deductions that are processed through standard payroll processes;
- Contributions to political candidates, campaign committees, issue committees, or independent expenditure committees or similar political expenses. However, this does not apply to a utility employee's or contract worker's activities resulting from any voluntary dues deductions that are processed through standard payroll processes;
- Travel, lodging, food, and beverage expenses for the utility's board of directors and officers;
- Entertainment or gift expenses;
- Expenses related to any owned, leased, or chartered aircraft for the utility's board of directors and officers; or
- Expenses related to marketing and administration or customer service for unregulated products or services provided or sold by the utility or the utility's affiliates.

As shown in the Direct Testimony supporting the Company's Advice Letter, the Company has removed these costs from its cost of service.

Consistent with the Temporary Rules, Public Service includes the following items in its rate case filing as required by Rule 4109(f)(I), 4 Code of Colorado Regulations 723-4:

• A cost of service study that calculates the utility's base rate revenue requirement for a twelve-month period concluding no later than six months prior to the date of the utility's base rate tariff filing. The Company is providing cost of service studies for both a 2023

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Informational Historical Test Year ended September 30, 2023 and the 2023 Test Year, both of which ended within six months of the January 29, 2024 filing date of this case.

- Detailed explanations of all adjustments made to the auditable historical data used in all of the cost of service studies presented in the utility's filing. The Company provides this information in Direct Testimony supporting the Company's Advice Letter.
- An executable copy of each of the cost of service studies presented in the utility's filing, with links and formulas intact: The Company provides a cost of service model that is fully executable; parties are able to change inputs to the model and the model will recalculate the revenue requirement. The Company is also providing workpapers with all links and formulas intact.
- Workpapers, in executable format, to which the executable copies of the cost of service study are linked: The Company provides workpapers with all links and formulas intact, either in the form of electronic links wherever possible, or directional links when electronic links within a spreadsheet are not possible.

Compliance with the above provisions of SB23-291 and the Temporary Rules are detailed in the Direct Testimony and Attachments of Company witness Mr. Arthur P. Freitas, Hearing Exhibit 117.

SB 23-291 and Temporary Rule 4109(e) also require the filing of a Rate Trend Report, which is provided as Attachment 1 to this Advice Letter.

In light of the aforementioned discussion and information provided in this Advice Letter and supporting Direct Testimony and Attachments, the Company requests that the Commission certify this filing as complete pursuant to Rule 1303(c), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, and Temporary Rule 4109(f), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-4.

Overall, the Company seeks to place into effect new gas base rates and other affected rates and charges based on the Company's increased base rate revenue requirement. Public Service presents projected bill impacts of the Company's filing on average monthly bills for the seven major rate schedules in the tables below. The table labeled "Average Monthly Bill Impacts with GRSA Implementation February 29, 2024" illustrates the difference between the current average monthly bills under existing rates and the average monthly bill if the GRSA were to become effective February 29, 2024. The table labeled "Average Monthly Bill Impacts Under the Company's Deferral Proposal" illustrates the average monthly bill impacts as compared to the average monthly bill under current rates at three different points in time: the Company's proposed rate effective

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date, the implementation of the RDS, and the end of the RDS. Both tables held all other riders constant to facilitate these comparisons.

Average Monthly Bill Impacts with GRSA Implementation February 29, 2024					
	Current Bill	Bill with GRSA & No Deferral Proposal	Average Monthly Change (\$)	Average Monthly Change (%)	
Residential (RG)	\$62.43	\$68.38	\$5.94	9.52%	
Small Commercial (CSG)	\$268.94	\$291.68	\$22.74	8.46%	
Large Commercial (CLG)	\$4,910.19	\$5,389.34	\$479.15	9.76%	
Interruptible Gas (IG)	\$21,647.71	\$22,857.60	\$1,209.89	5.59%	
Small Firm Transportation (TFS)	\$803.24	\$906.04	\$102.80	12.80%	
Large Firm Transportation (TFL)	\$8,034.25	\$8,995.66	\$961.41	11.97%	
Interruptible Transportation (TI)	\$46,094.58	\$49,915.12	\$3,820.54	8.29%	

Average Monthly Bill Impacts Under the Company's Deferral Proposal						
	Current Bill	Average Monthly Change (%)	Bill With Deferral Proposal*	Average Monthly Change (%)	Bill With Deferral Proposal**	Average Monthly Change (%)
	Novembe	November 1, 2024		February 15, 2025		15, 2026
Residential (RG)	\$62.43	0%	\$67.07	7.44%	\$64.02	2.54%
Small Commercial (CSG)	\$268.94	0%	\$281.69	4.74%	\$270.57	0.61%
Large Commercial (CLG)	\$4,910.19	0%	\$5,089.80	3.66%	\$4,925.44	0.31%
Interruptible Gas (IG)	\$21,647.71	0%	\$20,678.71	-4.48%	\$20,222.46	-6.58%
Small Firm Transportation (TFS)	\$803.24	0%	\$948.40	18.07%	\$906.04	12.80%
Large Firm Transportation (TFL)	\$8,034.25	0%	\$9,310.29	15.88%	\$8,995.66	11.97%
Interruptible Transportation (TI)	\$46,094.58	0%	\$51,168.74	11.01%	\$49,915.12	8.29%

^{*}EGCRR concludes on February 14, 2025 through Decision No. C22-0413 issued in Proceeding No. 21A-0192EG.

Consistent with Commission rules and Colorado statutes, the effective date for the rates and tariffs accompanying this Advice Letter is February 29, 2024. However, the Company requests that the tariffs be set for hearing on the proposed rates and other changes and suspended by the

^{**}RDS concludes on February 14, 2026, with any true-up to be included for recovery as part of the Q2 GCA deferred gas cost.

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Commission. For the reasons explained by Company witness Mr. Steven P. Berman, although the statutory rate effective date would be no later than November 5, 2024, the Company requests an effective date of November 1, 2024, after suspension.

The Company is filing a Motion for Alternative Form of Notice contemporaneously herewith, seeking to provide notice to affected customers by the means set forth therein. Additionally, for a utility base rate tariff filing, Rule 4109(f)(III)(A) requires that, "The utility shall serve a copy of the utility base rate tariff filing on all parties to its previous base rate proceeding within three business days of the utility's base rate tariff filing with the Commission." Public Service will comply with this requirement by (1) emailing all parties to its previous gas rate case (Proceeding No. 22AL-0046G) this advice letter and attached tariffs, with the Proceeding Number, and a link to e-filings where the remainder of the filing can be accessed; and (2) filing a Notice of this filing in Proceeding No. 22AL-0046G.

Contemporaneously filed with this Advice Letter are the testimony and attachments of 17 witnesses in support of the Company's requests.

Please send copies of all notices, pleadings, correspondence, and other documents regarding this filing to:

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³ See Rule 1205(a) of the Rule of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, governing service of pleadings and other documents.

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Enclosures

Gas Rate Case – Rate Trend Report

This Public Service of Colorado Rate Trend Report is based on Commission Decision No. C23-0538 in Proceeding No. 23R-0408EG. The content reflects the requirements listed in Gas Rule 4109(e).

(I) the amount of increase in the rate, charge, fee, fare, toll, rental, or classification relative to the amount in effect on the date of the utility's filing.

Rate Schedule	Current General Rate Schedule Adjustment	Proposed General Rate Schedule Adjustment	Change
Residential			
GRSA	0.03%	31.07%	31.04%
Residential Gas Lighting			
GRSA	0.03%	31.07%	31.04%
Small Commercial			
GRSA	0.03%	31.07%	31.04%
Large Commercial			
GRSA	0.03%	31.07%	31.04%
Commercial Gas Lighting			
GRSA	0.03%	31.07%	31.04%
Interruptible Service			
GRSA	0.03%	31.07%	31.04%
Small Commercial - Transport Only			
GRSA	0.03%	31.07%	31.04%
Large Commercial - Transport Only			
GRSA	0.03%	31.07%	31.04%
Interruptible - Transport Only			
GRSA	0.03%	31.07%	31.04%

Rate Schedule	Current Revenue Deferral Surcharge	Proposed Revenue Deferral Surcharge	Change
Residential			
RDS	0.00%	10.14%	10.14%
Residential Gas Lighting			

RDS	0.00%	9.96%	9.96%
Small Commercial			
RDS	0.00%	9.06%	9.06%
Large Commercial			
RDS	0.00%	9.29%	9.29%
Commercial Gas Lighting			
RDS	0.00%	10.22%	10.22%
Interruptible Service			
RDS	0.00%	10.44%	10.44%
Small Commercial - Transport Only			
RDS	0.00%	10.46%	10.46%
Large Commercial - Transport Only			
RDS	0.00%	9.40%	9.40%
Interruptible - Transport Only			
RDS	0.00%	9.79%	9.79%

(II) the amount in change in annual revenues collected by the utility as a result of the utility's filing;

Approximate Change in Total Annual Revenues

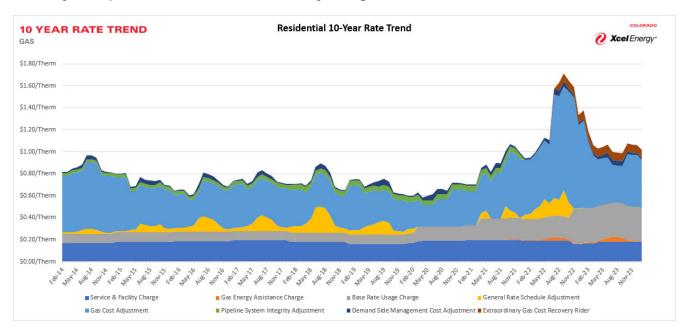
Current GRSA	\$242,163
Proposed GRSA	\$170,655,825
Change	\$170,413,662

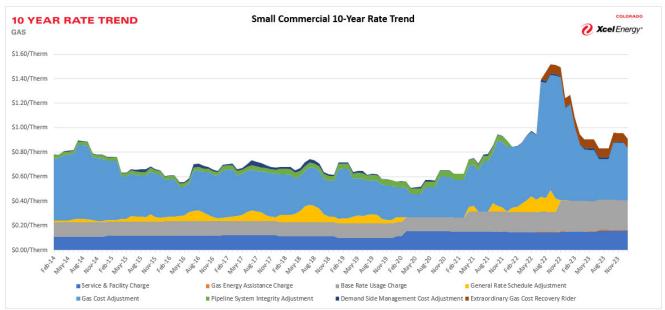
Approximate Change in Total Annual Revenues

Current RDS	\$0
Proposed RDS	\$79,335,604
Change	\$79,335,604

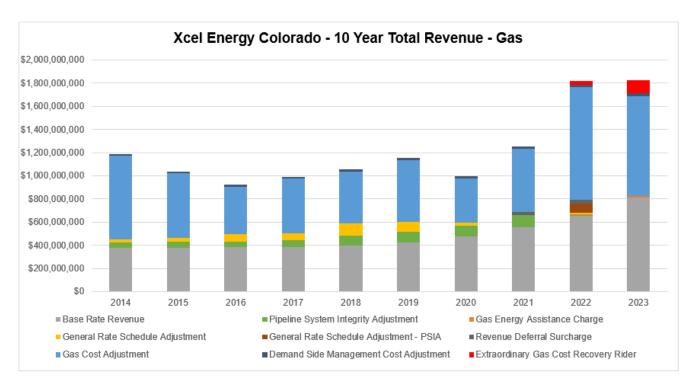
The annual change in revenue was calculated as if the GRSA and RDS had been in place for full calendar years.

(III) a chart, or other pictographic demonstration of each of the utility's rates, charges, fees, fares, tolls, rentals, or classifications, including the total of all utility bill line items such as base rates and rate adjustment mechanisms, for the ten years prior to the date of the utility filing





In the preceding figure the fixed monthly charge is presented as a cents per therm charge and is calculated by dividing by average customer usage over the year.



Public Service has included the ten-year history of total revenues in response to paragraph 39 of Commission Decision No. C23-0538 which clarified that "annual total amount" is best represented by annual revenues collected.

- (IV) for the same rate, charge, fee, fare, toll, rental, or classification as the utility's filing over the ten years prior to the date of the utility's filing:
 - (A) the dates when a previous increase or decrease went into effect;
 - (B) the amount of the rate, charge, fee, fare, toll, rental, or classification before a previous increase or decrease went into effect:
 - (C) the amount of increase or decrease relative to the amount before the previous increase or decrease went into effect;
 - (D) the change in annual revenues collected by the utility as a result of the utility's filing; and
 - (E) the proceeding number for the tariff filing where the rate, charge, fee, fare, toll, rental, or classification either was allowed to go into effect by operation of law or was approved by the Commission.

Date	General Rate Schedule Adjustment	Change	Approximate Change in Annual Revenue	Proceeding Number
01/01/14	8.17%	-14.44%	(\$54,621,126)	13AL-1387G
04/01/14	6.35%	-1.82%	(\$6,884,380)	14AL-0189G
04/01/15	8.17%	1.82%	\$31,002,719	13AL-1387G
10/01/15	18.77%	10.60%	\$40,223,846	15AL-0135G
03/01/16	18.56%	-0.21%	(\$801,935)	15AL-0135G
05/01/16	16.92%	-1.64%	(\$6,262,732)	15AL-0135G

11/01/16	14.47%	-2.45%	(\$9,355,911)	16AL-0784G
01/01/17	15.48%	1.01%	\$3,882,119	16AL-0784G
05/01/17	17.12%	1.64%	\$6,303,638	17AL-0263G
01/01/18	33.64%	16.52%	\$66,148,355	17AL-0363G
03/01/18	28.41%	-5.23%	(\$20,941,640)	17AL-0363G
09/01/18	24.19%	-4.22%	(\$16,897,461)	17AL-0363G
06/01/19	16.04%	-8.15%	(\$34,345,729)	17AL-0363G
01/01/20	24.19%	8.15%	\$38,741,006	17AL-0363G
03/01/20	0.00%	-24.19%	\$0	19AL-0309G (Phase II)
01/01/22	1.68%	1.68%	\$10,948,835	17AL-0363G
01/01/23	0.03%	-1.65%	(\$13,362,461)	22AL-0046G
11/01/24	31.07%	31.04%	\$170,655,825	24AL-XXXXG

	Revenue		Approximate Change	Proceeding
Date	Deferral Surcharge ¹	Change	in Annual Revenue	Number
04/01/21	13.68%	13.68%	\$76,474,591	20AL-0049G
06/01/21	0.00%	-13.68%	(\$76,474,591)	20AL-0049G
09/01/21	13.68%	13.68%	\$76,474,591	20AL-0049G
12/01/21	0.00%	-13.68%	(\$76,474,591)	20AL-0049G
03/01/22	13.68%	13.68%	\$89,154,796	20AL-0049G
06/01/22	0.00%	-13.68%	(\$89,154,796)	20AL-0049G
09/01/22	13.68%	13.68%	\$89,154,796	20AL-0049G
11/01/22	0.00%	-13.68%	(\$89,154,796)	20AL-0049G
02/15/25	10.14%	10.14%	\$79,335,604	24AL-XXXXG

^{1.} Residential Gas Sales RDS rate shown but the change in annual revenue is the approximate amount inclusive of all rate classes.

The annual change in revenue was calculated as if the GRSA and RDS had been in place for full calendar years.

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GAS SERVICE	
SCHEDULE OF CHARGES FOR RENDERING SERVICE	
To institute or reinstitute gas service requiring a premise visit within:	
24 hours	\$112.00 152.00
To institute or reinstitute both gas and electric service requiring a premise visit within:	
24 hours	167.00 234.00
To transfer service at a specific location from one customer to another customer where such service is continuous, either gas service or both gas and electric service at the same time	
not requiring a premise visit	8.00
To provide a non-regularly scheduled final meter Reading at customers request	25.00
To perform non-gratuitous labor for service work in addition to charges for material is as follows:	
Trip Charge	61.00
per man-hour	111.00 111.00
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An overtime rate will be applicable to non-gratuitous labor for service work performed before and after normal working hours of 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday.		
The overtime rate shall be, per man hour	142.00 142.00	-
When such service work is performed on Sundays and holidays, per man hour	172.00 172.00	
To process a check from a customer that is returned to the Company by the bank as not payable	\$ 15.00	
To achieve payment from a Non-Residential Service customer who chooses to pay his/her monthly natural gas bill with a credit or debit card, a per transaction convenience fee of 2.2% of the payment amount shall be charged for any credit or debit card payment by the Company's third party vendor that processes credit card payments.		
To achieve payment from a Residential Service customer who chooses to pay his/her monthly natural gas bill with a credit or debit card, a per transaction convenience fee of \$1.50 shall be charged for any credit or debit card payment by the Company's third party vendor that processes credit card payments.		
For a customer with a combined gas and electric bill, the per transaction convenience fee shall be assessed only once when a customer pays his/her combined gas and electric monthly bill as a single credit or debit card transaction.		
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NATURAL GAS RATES GENERAL RATE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT

GRSA:

The charge for gas service calculated under Company's gas base rate schedules T shall be adjusted by the percentage listed below:

0.03%

Effective November 1, 2024, but not implemented on customer bills until N February 15, 2025, the charge for gas service calculated under Company's gas base rate schedules shall be adjusted by the percentage listed below, N replacing any other GRSA but not the GRSA-P. Said adjustments shall not apply N to Service and Facility charges applicable to each rate schedule.

31.07%

GRSA- Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment (GRSA-P):

The charge for natural gas service calculated under the Company's natural gas base rate schedules shall be adjusted by the percentages listed below.

Residential Service	-1.00%
RGL	-0.57%
Commercial & Industrial Sales Service	
CSG	-1.18%
CLG	-1.92%
CGL	-0.41%
IG	-4.25%
Gas Transportation Service	
TFS	-1.63%
TFL	-2.21%
TI	-4.40%

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NATURAL GAS RATES REVENUE DEFERRAL SURCHARGE

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APPLICABILITY

Through Decision No. CXX-XXXX issued in Proceeding No. 24AL-XXXXG (the N "Decision"), the Commission approved, among other things, base rate revenue N increases and new rates for the Company's natural gas customers, effective N on the Rate Effective Date of November 1, 2024. Without changing the Rate N Effective Date or the Company's ability to recover incremental revenue as of N the Rate Effective Date, the Commission authorized the Company to defer the N incremental revenue authorized by the Decision and record it in a regulatory N asset, with a return at the weighted average cost of capital, during the N Consequently, beginning February 15, 2025 and during the N Deferral Period. Incremental Revenue Recovery Period, the base rate charges for natural gas N service calculated under the Company's natural gas base rate schedules shall N be adjusted by the RDS Amounts.

RDS DESCRIPTION

Through the RDS, the Company will bill and collect the Deferred N Incremental Revenue by rate schedule. The RDS will also include the initial N first period of the Revenue Stability Mechanism amount for Schedules RG and N CSG stemming from the November 2024 through January 2025 period. amounts billed during the Incremental Revenue Recovery Period will be subject N to a final RDS true-up by rate schedule to ensure that the Company recovers N no more and no less Deferred Incremental Revenue than it would have recovered N had the rates authorized by the Decision become effective on customer bills N on the Rate Effective Date rather than February 15, 2025. The RDS applies N to all base rate charges and terminates effective February 15, 2026. In August N 2025, after six months of Deferred Incremental Revenue recovery, the Company N will assess how the pace of revenues being recovered under the RDS compare N to the initial estimates, and if recovered revenues differ by more or less N than 20 percent of estimates at that point in time, the Company will file an \mathbb{N} interim adjustment to RDS Amounts in September 2025 to be effective on October N 1, 2025 to help minimize any true up amount.

REQUIRED FILINGS

- 1. On or before January 31, 2025, a compliance advice letter and tariff|N|filing are required to be made with the Commission to be effective on N the Rate Implementation Date, in order to accomplish the following: Ν
 - a) Reflect on the tariff sheets and, thus, place into effect on customer N bills, the rates approved by the Decision; and
 - b) Place into effect the RDS for each rate schedule. Supporting N workpapers for calculation of the RDS will be included with this N filing. Ν

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- 2. The Company will make a compliance advice letter and tariff filing, on N not less than five business days' notice, to remove the RDS, effective N February 15, 2026.
- 3. At the end of the RDS Deferral Period, the Company will calculate any Nunder or over-recoveries of Deferred Incremental Revenue during the N Deferral Period and include any such true-up amounts in the Company's N Q2 Gas Cost Adjustment to be filed in March 2026 and recovered over the N Q2 period. Ν

DEFINITIONS:

The terms used in this tariff have the following meanings unless N otherwise noted. Ν

Decision No. RXX-XXXX issued in Proceeding No. 24AL-XXXXG, the N Company's 2024 natural gas rate case proceeding. Ν

The amount of incremental revenue for the N Deferred Incremental Revenue. Deferral Period, which will be deferred and recorded in a regulatory asset, N with a weighted average cost of capital return on the asset, as approved by N the Decision.

The period November 1, 2024 through February 14, 2025. Deferral Period.

Incremental Revenue Recovery Period. February 15, 2025 through February 14, 2026. Ν

Rate Effective Date. November 1, 2024.

Rate Implementation Date. February 15, 2025.

RDS Amount. The RDS percent applied to each rate schedule reflecting then result of the relevant RDS calculation applied during the Incremental RevenueN Recovery Period. Ν

RDS CALCULATION

The amount of Deferred Incremental Revenue will be determined for each rate N schedule by multiplying the rates approved by the Decision by actual monthly Nbilling determinants from the Deferral Period, as available, then subtracting N the actual base rate revenues collected from each rate schedule during the N Deferral Period. The Company's authorized pre-tax weighted average cost of N capital will be applied as interest to the Deferred Incremental Revenue. The N Deferred Incremental Revenue will also include the initial first period of N the Revenue Stability Mechanism amount for Schedules RG and CSG stemming from N the November 2024 through January 2025 period. The total revenue requirement N

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RDS CALCULATION - Cont.

for each rate schedule will then be divided by the forecasted base rate N revenues for each rate schedule during the Incremental Revenue Recovery N Period. $\,$

TRUE-UP

Rate Schedule

After conclusion of the Incremental Revenue Recovery Period, the amount of N the Deferred Incremental Revenue will be subject to a final true-up by rate N schedule based on actual billing determinants during the Incremental Revenue N Recovery Period, and, as required by the Decision, will be applied by rate Schedule to the Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA"), beginning with the GCA to become effective on April 1, 2026.

RATE TABLE

For the Incremental Revenue Recovery Period, the charge for natural gas N service calculated under the Company's natural gas base rate schedules, N exclusive of any GRSAs, shall be adjusted by the percentages listed below.

Rate Schedule Revenue Deferral Surchard	ge IN
Residential Service RG	N N
RGL 9.96%	N
Commercial & Industrial Sales Service	N
CSG9.06%	N
CLG 9.29%	N
CGL	N
IG	N
Gas Transportation Service	N
TFS	N
TFL	N
TI9.79%	N

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Average Gas Storage Inventory Balance. The annual average of the forecasted monthly average gas storage inventory balances for the GCA Effective Period.

Base Rate(s). The Company's currently effective rates for sales gas and gas transportation service as authorized by the Commission in the Company's last general rate case.

Current Gas Cost. A rate component of the GCA, expressed in mils per dekatherm (\$0.001 per Dth), which is the sum of the Gas Commodity Cost, Upstream Service Cost and the Gas Storage Inventory Cost projected to be incurred by the Company during the GCA Effective Period divided by the applicable Forecasted Sales Gas Quantity.

Deferred Gas Cost. Gas costs accumulated in the Company's Account No. 191, which can be over- or under-recoveries, calculated by subtracting Recovered Gas Cost from Actual Gas Cost, as of the end of the month that is one month prior to the effective date of the GCA, adjusted for unbilled revenues, and including: (1) storage adjustments; (2) other costs authorized by the Public Utilities Commission; (3) Interest on Account No. 191 Balance, as authorized by the Public Utilities Commission; (4) the net Daily Imbalance Charges from transportation customers under the Shipper Daily Balancing Option; (5) the t Tnet Monthly Cashouts from transportation customers; and (6) true up of any t Tover- or under-recoveries from the Revenue Deferral Surcharge in place for T by Unauthorized Overrun Penalties collected from customers.

Deferred Gas Reserve Tracker. Amounts will include a separate gas reserve component tracked in account No. 191 based on actual GCA costs that have risen above or fallen below a defined threshold. The threshold triggering use of this account consists of an upper limit of 180 percent of the average GCA over the last five calendar years less any current EGCRR rate and a lower limit of 80 percent of the average GCA over the last five calendar years. Any changes to the upper or lower limit will be effective in the third quarter GCA annually. If the GCA rate exceeds the upper dekatherm amount of the range the resulting gas reserve component balance, the amount above the upper limit will be included in the Deferred Gas Reserve Tracker, and if the GCA rate is under the lower dekatherm rate end of the range the amount below the lower limit may be included in the Deferred Gas Reserve Tracker. This tracker will be adjusted at the time the GCA rate is adjusted to ensure the rate remains in the defined range until the next filing. The Deferred Gas Reserve Tracker includes symmetrical interest on both under-recovered and over-recovered balances.

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GAS COST ADJUSTMENT

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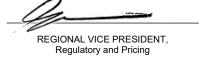
Forecasted Sales Gas Quantity. The quantity of gas commodity projected to be M sold by the Company during the applicable GCA Effective Period, based upon the historic quantity of gas commodity sales, adjusted to reflect normal M historic temperature based on National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration data and anticipated changes, except that for the Deferred Gas Cost rate component calculation, the Forecasted Sales Gas Quantity shall be the gas commodity projected to be sold during the 12-month period applicable to the Company's quarterly GCA application effective October 1.

Gas Commodity Cost. The total cost of the natural gas commodity that includes each of the following costs, as determined for each month within the GCA Effective Period: (1) the NYMEX Settlement Price as of the first business day of the month prior to the GCA Effective Period, adjusted for the basis differentials between the monthly NYMEX Settlement Price, which is based upon deliveries at the Henry Hub, and the respective indexes applicable to the various areas where the Company purchases its gas supplies, multiplied by the purchase volumes for each corresponding month within the GCA Effective Period; (2) the monthly reservation fees or demand charges payable to gas sellers for making firm quantities of gas available for sale to Company irrespective of the commodity volume actually delivered (gas demand costs); (3) the physical fixed price purchases; (4) appropriate adjustments for storage gas injections and withdrawals; and (5) the gas price management costs.

Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA"). The tariff mechanism by which a gas rate is adjusted on an expedited basis to reflect increases or decreases in rate components, such as the Deferred Gas Cost, Gas Commodity Cost, Upstream Service Cost and Gas Storage Inventory Cost.

GCA Effective Period. The period of time that the GCA rate change is intended to be in effect. The GCA Effective Period for the Gas Commodity Cost, and Deferred Gas Cost, components of the GCA rate is the three-month calendar quarter, except that for purposes of an interim GCA, the GCA Effective Period for the Gas Commodity Cost is either two months or one month, depending on the number of months remaining before the GCA Effective Period for the next regular quarterly GCA. The GCA Effective Period for the Upstream Service Cost and Gas Storage Inventory Cost components of the GCA rate is typically twelve months, from October 1 through September 30, except that for purposes of a regular quarterly GCA, the GCA Effective Period for the Upstream Service Cost and Gas Storage Inventory Cost components of the GCA rate is the remainder of such twelve-month period.

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Gas Storage Inventory Cost. A rate component of the GCA, expressed in mils per dekatherm (\$0.001 per Dth) which is the return applied to the Average Gas T Storage Inventory Balance divided by the Forecasted Sales Gas Quantity. return applied to the Average Gas Storage Inventory Balance shall be based on the Company's weighted average cost of capital. The return will be adjusted t Tfor income taxes before being multiplied by the Average Gas Storage Inventory.

Interest on Account No. 191 Balance. For amounts outside of the Deferred Gas Reserve Tracker, interest at a rate equal to the interest rate paid on customer T deposits as set forth in the General Terms and Conditions will be applied to Tthe Account No. 191 Deferred Gas Cost Balance on an average monthly basis. The disposition of any net interest on over- or under-recovered gas costs shall be as directed by orders of the Public Utilities Commission in Docket T Nos. 02A-267G and 08A-095G.

Recovered Gas Cost. The gas costs recovered by the Company, which shall be calculated by applying the GCA rate to actual sales quantities billed for the N period the GCA rate was in effect.

The total cost of all transmission, gathering, Upstream Service Cost. compression, balancing, treating, processing storage and like services performed by others under contract with the Company for the purpose of effectuating delivery of gas commodity to the Company's jurisdictional natural gas facilities.

CURRENT GAS COST RATE DETERMINATION

Current Gas Cost shall be calculated to the nearest mil per Dth according to the following formula:

Current Gas Cost = A + B + C

A = Gas Commodity Cost

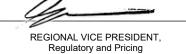
B = Upstream Service Cost

C = Gas Storage Inventory Cost

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NATURAL GAS RATES
REVENUE STABILITY MECHANISM ("RSM") Adjustment

APPLICABILITY

Rate Schedules RG and CSG are subject to a Revenue Stability Mechanism (RSM). No The RSM factors for the applicable rate schedules will be applied through a No Stability Mechanism (RSM). No The RSM factors for the applicable rate schedules will be applied through a No Stability Mechanism (RSM). No The RSM factors for the applicable rate schedules will be applied through a No Stability Mechanism (RSM). No The RSM factors for the applicable rate schedules will be applied through a No Stability Mechanism (RSM).

<u>DEFINITIONS</u>

ACTUAL MARGIN PER CUSTOMER CLASS (AMPCC)

The AMPCC is the Current Period base rate revenues collected by the N Company and not adjusted for weather, inclusive of General Rate Schedule N Adjustments (GRSA or GRSA-P). Calculated separately for Schedules RG and N CSG.

TARGET NORMALIZED MARGIN PER CUSTOMER CLASS (TNMPCC)

The TNMPCC is calculated using test year base rate revenues established N by the Commission in a previous rate case or other applicable proceeding, by N using the Base Rate Charges and GRSAs or GRSA-P factors that were in place N during the Current Period multiplied by the weather normalized billing N determinants for the Current Period. Calculated separately for Schedules RG N and CSG.

CURRENT PERIOD

The three (3) month period for which the RSM is being calculated. The N initial Current Period shall be the November 2024 through January 2025 period, N and subsequent periods will be every 3 months thereafter. \mathbb{N}

DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF LOST REVENUE (DSM-ALR)

The Commission approved acknowledgement of lost revenue, as defined on N Sheet No. 42A, that is in place for the Current Period. The Company will use N the Commission approved DSM-ALR from the most recent DSM plan as the basis N for an initial estimate, and any over- or under-recoveries will be included N as part of the DSM-ALR True-Up. Calculated separately for Schedules RG and N CSG.

RECOVERY TIMEFRAME

The timeframe over which the RSM factors will be in place. The RSM N will be billed over a 12-month period. The initial Recovery Timeframe will N be from July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, which will reflect the second N full period of the RSM. The initial first period will be recovered through N the Revenue Deferral Surcharge.

RSM AMOUNT

The difference between the TNMPCC and the AMPCC, less the Variable N Operating Costs, plus Current Period DSM-ALR, plus the RSM True-Up amount (if any) and the DSM-ALR True-up amount (if any), either positive or negative. N Calculated separately for Schedules RG and CSG. N

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RSM TRUE-UP

The over-recovery or under-recovery of RSM amounts after the 12 months N of billing is complete. The RSM True-up value consists of the difference between the revenue the RSM factor was designed to collect (the Current Period N RSM Amount) and the actual revenue collected through the RSM factor during N the Recovery Timeframe. Calculated separately for Schedules RG and CSG.

DSM-ALR TRUE-UP

The difference between the DSM-ALR forecast and the actual DSM-ALR for N the Calendar Year, included as part of the third period RSM Amount. Calculated separately for Schedules RG and CSG.

VARIABLE OPERATING COSTS

The costs associated with FERC Accounts 755, 819, 854, and 873 that are included in the Base Rate Usage Charges for Schedules RG and CSG from the previous rate case or other applicable proceeding. Calculated separately for N Schedules RG and CSG.

REVENUE STABILITY MECHANISM RATE CALCULATIONS

Calculated separately for Schedules RG and CSG.

RSM Amount = TNMPCC - AMPCC - Variable Operating Costs - DSM-ALR +/- RSM N True Up +/- DSM-ALR True Up

Current Period RSM Rate = RSM Amount ÷ Forecasted Volume for Recovery N Timeframe (therms)

Total RSM Rate = The summation of the Current Period RSM Rate and the prior N three periods' RSM Rate, if applicable.

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ate Schedule	Billing Units	RSM Rates
RG	Therm	\$0.XXXXX
CSG	Therm	\$0.XXXXX

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NATURAL GAS RATES
QUALITY OF SERVICE PLAN (QSP)

QSP PERFORMANCE BASELINE

QSP APPROVAL PERIOD: January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2026

SAFETY:

a) Damage Prevention

Objective: Lower damages/1000 locates

Penalty: \$250,000

Performance Baseline: Damages exceed 1.47 damages/1000 locates

b) Emergency Response

Objective: Improve responsiveness in potential emergency situations

Penalty: \$250,000

Performance Baseline: Response falls below 95 percent within 60

minutes

RELIABILITY:

a) Grade 2 Leak Repair Time

Objective: Decrease the amount of methane released into environment

Penalty: \$250,000

Performance Baseline: Repair time exceeds 52 days

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NATURAL GAS SERVICE

DISTRIBUTION EXTENSION POLICY

STANDARD CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND CREDITS

Construction Costs

Residential On-Site Distribution Extension Per Lot Cost \$ 1,741
Residential Service Lateral Extension < 100 Ft. Cost \$ 1,521
Residential Service Lateral >100ft. Cost Per Foot \$ 9.46

Per Meter Set Costs (customer share)

Residential Per Meter Set Cost \$ 291 CSG Per Meter Set Cost \$ 1,690 All Other Per Meter Set Cost \$ 6,338

Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit (not available for applications dated on or after November 1, 2023 unless terminated earlier pursuant to Commission decision)

Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit

28.00%

The above costs and credits may be recalculated and revised from time to time as determined necessary by the Company based on the same method(s) as approved by the Commission. An additional charge may be applicable for special items, including without limitation any Applicant-associated delays; obstructions; permit fees; or any special item required to meet construction conditions, including but not limited to frost conditions and rock conditions.

The Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit is a twenty-eight percent (28%) credit applied to an Applicant's Construction Costs for an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension. In the event that excess Construction Allowance is awarded to an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, this credit shall be applied after the Construction Allowance has been applied. The Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit is not available for applications dated on or after November 1, 2023 unless terminated earlier pursuant to Commission decision.

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DISTRIBUTION EXTENSION POLICY

ON-SITE STANDARD CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND CONSTRUCTION ALLOWANCE WORKSHEET

	_	r Lot rd Cost \$		Construction Allowance \$	·	_	ustomer nsibility \$
Gas	\$	1,741	1 5	\$ (331)	2	\$	1,410

 $^{\rm 1}$ Standard Construction Costs and Credits - On-Site Distribution Extension Per Lot Cost

An additional charge may be applicable for special items, including without limitation any Applicant-associated delays; obstructions; permit fees; or any special item required to meet construction conditions, including but not limited to frost conditions and rock conditions.

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