



## IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT YOUR NATURAL GAS SERVICE AND PRICES

Xcel Energy — Colorado continues to deliver safe, reliable natural gas to our customers at costs well below the national average. We also continue to invest in our natural gas system, which stretches 24,000 miles across the state and serves 1.4 million customers in Colorado.

We recently submitted a natural gas rate case to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (CPUC or Commission).

In our proposal, we request a \$6.44 increase on the typical monthly residential gas bill, and a \$19.51 per month increase on a typical monthly small business customer's bill. If approved, residential natural gas bills would remain more than 20% below the national average and among the lowest in the nation.

## INVESTING IN THE FUTURE, DELIVERING VALUE TODAY

This proposal supports investments that improve how we deliver safe, reliable, affordable natural gas to you including:

- Extensive investments across our Colorado natural gas network to enhance reliability and build resiliency, especially during severe weather.
- Tightening our operations to reduce methane emissions.
- Upholding safety as our highest priority, with revitalized infrastructure, advanced monitoring technology, and strengthened emergency response.

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This plan is subject to approval by the CPUC. Details about this request, including the legal notice, are available on the back of this page and at <a href="https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates\_and\_regulations/rates/rate\_cases/2020\_colorado\_natural\_gas\_rate\_review\_phase\_i\_and\_ii</a>. Rates are set through a transparent process with the Commission, which includes opportunities for public input and participation.

Customers with questions about this proposal, as well as those who may have a difficult time paying their bill, can call us right away at **1.800.895.4999**. For information about energy efficiency, rebates, payment options or energy assistance, you may also email us at <a href="mailto:inquire@xcelenergy.com">inquire@xcelenergy.com</a>.

## NOTICE OF REVISION TO THE COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6-GAS TARIFF OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO 1800 LARIMER STREET, DENVER, COLORADO 80202-5533



You are hereby notified that Public Service Company of Colorado ("Public Service" or the "Company") has filed with the Colorado Public Utilities Commission ("Commission"), in compliance with the Public Utilities Law, an advice letter for permission to revise the Company's Colorado P.U.C. No. 6 - Gas tariff to reflect revised rates and rate schedules for all natural gas services, and to make additional tariff changes. Consistent with Commission rules and Colorado statutes, the effective date for the changed tariffs accompanying the Advice Letter is March 7, 2020. However, if the Commission suspends the Advice Letter and sets it for hearing, the Company is requesting an effective date of November 1, 2020.

The Company is filing this rate case because Public Service's current base rates are premised on the cost of providing service in 2016, and since that time investments and changes to costs incurred to provide safe and reliable service to customers, manage system capacity, perform certain mandated activities, and undertake other efforts to serve customers have rendered present revenues deficient.

Public Service is seeking a total increase in base rate revenue of \$144,464,121, when compared to the Company's present revenue of \$500,019,265, using a test year ending September 30, 2020, an overall return on rate base of 7.33 percent, and a return on equity of 9.95 percent. The total revenue requirement, excluding gas costs collected through the Gas Cost Adjustment, costs collected through the Gas Demand Side Management Cost Adjustment, and costs that will continue to be collected through the Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment ("PSIA"), is \$644,483,385. This base rate revenue increase, however, includes costs associated with projects completed as of December 31, 2018 that are currently being recovered via the PSIA, and are being transferred to base rates. Excluding the \$17,725,825 base revenue requirement effects of these projects that are currently recovered in the PSIA, the Company is seeking a net increase in revenues of \$126,738,296.

In addition, the Company requests approval to set the General Rate Schedule Adjustment ("GRSA") to zero percent (0%) and place into effect new gas base rates and other affected transportation rates and charges based on the Company's increased base rate revenue requirement, proposed revenue distribution by customer class, and resulting rate design. The Company also seeks to implement rate schedule, PSIA, and other tariff changes.

TABLE 1: Average Monthly Bill Impacts of Natural Gas Combined Rate Case
Based on Current Rates

	Average Monthly Bills			Total Change in Average Monthly Bill	
	Current Rates*	Rates Expected March 1st**	Proposed Rates	Proposed Rates versus Current Rates	
Residential Gas (RG)	\$40.43/ Month	\$40.82/ Month	\$46.88/ Month	+ \$6.44	15.9%
Small Commercial Gas (CSG)	\$167.26/ Month	\$162.72/ Month	\$186.78/ Month	+ \$19.51	11.7%
Large Commercial Gas (CLG)	\$2,879.78/ Month	\$2,931.69/ Month	\$3,282.05/ Month	+ \$402.27	14.0%
Small Firm Transportation (TFS)	\$552.44/ Month	\$518.46/ Month	\$590.98/ Month	+ \$38.54	7.0%
Large Firm Transportation (TFL)	\$4,347.59/ Month	\$4,420.17/ Month	\$4,992.58/ Month	+ \$644.99	14.8%
Interruptible Transportation (TI)	\$25,324.74/ Month	\$25,111.45/ Month	\$26,343.09/ Month	+ \$1,018.35	4%

<sup>\*</sup> Current Rates include 24.19% General Rate Schedule Adjustment (GRSA)

Public Service presents projected impacts of the Company's filing on typical monthly bills in Table 1, below. The Table shows the bill impact differences between the Company's proposed base rates and the base rates currently in effect as of February 5, 2020 inclusive of the 24.19 percent GRSA, with all riders except for the PSIA held at constant levels as of February 5, 2020. However, the Company has a separate rate case proceeding (Proceeding No. 19AL-0309G) currently pending before the Commission. While that pending proceeding does not change the Company's overall base rate revenue, it will change the Company's base rates and tariff provisions effective March 1, 2020, if the unopposed settlement among all parties recommended for approval by an Administrative Law Judge is approved by the Commission. The "Rates Expected March 1st" column therefore shows bill impacts based on differences between the Company's proposed base rates and the base rates for all customers that are anticipated to follow from the Company's pending rate case and take effect on March 1, 2020.

In accordance with Rule 1210(a) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, copies of the current and proposed tariffs summarized above and as filed with the Commission, are available for examination and explanation at the main office of Public Service, 1800 Larimer Street, Suite 1400, Denver, Colorado 80202-5533, or at the Commission office, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202-5143. Customers who have questions may call the Commission at 303.894.2000, call Xcel Energy toll free at 1.800.895.4999, fax to Xcel Energy at 1.800.895.2895, or email to inquire@xcelenergy.com. A copy of this Notice is also available on the Company's website at https://www.xcelenergy.com/company/rates\_and\_regulations/filings, with reference to the relevant docket number for the proceeding when obtained.

Anyone who desires may file written comments or objections to the proposed action. Written comments or objections shall be filed with the Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202-5143 or entered at www.dora.state.co.us/pacific/PUC/puccomments on or before 10 days before the proposed effective date of March 7, 2020, or later should the Commission set this matter for hearing and suspend and delay the effective date of the request, which is likely.

The Commission will consider all written comments and objections submitted prior to any evidentiary hearing on the Advice Letter. The filing of written comments or objections by itself will not allow you to participate as a party in any proceeding on the proposed action. If you wish to participate as a party in this matter, you must file written intervention documents in accordance with Rule 1401 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure or any applicable Commission order.

The Commission may hold a public hearing in addition to an evidentiary hearing on the advice letter. If such a hearing is held, members of the public may attend and make statements even if they did not file comments, objections, or interventions. If the advice letter is uncontested or unopposed, the Commission may determine the matter without hearing and without further notice. Anyone desiring information about if and when a hearing may be held shall submit a written request to the Commission or, alternatively, shall contact the External Affairs section of the Commission at 303.894.2070 or 1.800.456.0858. Notices of proposed hearing will be available on the Commission website under "News Releases" or through the Commission's e-filing system.

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<sup>\*\*</sup> On January 22, 2020, Decision No. R20-0046 was issued in Proceeding No. 19AL-0309G approving a comprehensive settlement among the parties to establish new base rates. Unless additional action is taken by the Commission, this will become a decision of the Commission on February 12, 2020 and new rates will go into effect on March 1, 2020.