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Advice No. 1027 – Gas

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COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 6 – GAS

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 CCR 723-1, and in compliance with the requirements of § 40-3.2-104.3(2)(c), C.R.S. The following sheets are attached:

<u>Colorado P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>		<u>Title of Sheet</u>	<u>Cancels Colorado P.U.C. Sheet No.</u>	
Fourth Revised	R11	Rules and Regulations Natural Gas Service General	Sub. Third Revised	R11
Second Revised	R64	Rules and Regulations Natural Gas Service Distribution Extension Policy	First Revised	R64
First Revised	R65	Rules and Regulations Natural Gas Service Distribution Extension Policy	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sub. Original	R65
Third Revised	R72	Rules and Regulations Natural Gas Service Distribution Extension Policy	Second Revised	R72
Fourth Revised	R86	Rules and Regulations Natural Gas Service Distribution Extension Policy	Third Revised	R86

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<b><u>Colorado P.U.C. Sheet No.</u></b>	<b><u>Title of Sheet</u></b>	<b><u>Cancels Colorado P.U.C. Sheet No.</u></b>
Third Revised R87	Rules and Regulations Natural Gas Service Distribution Extension Policy	Second Revised R87
Fourth Revised R89	Rules and Regulations Natural Gas Service Distribution Extension Policy	Third Revised R89

The principal purpose of this filing is to update the Company's Colorado P.U.C. No. 6 - Gas tariff ("Gas Tariff"). Section 40-3.2-104.3 C.R.S. requires that on or before December 31, 2023, each gas utility shall file with the Commission an updated tariff to reflect the removal of any incentives for an applicant to establish gas service to a property while permitting certain applicants to be exempted from such new tariff requirements through December 31, 2024. Similarly, § 40-3.2-104.5 C.R.S. calls for gas utilities to not "penalize or charge a fee to a customer that voluntarily terminates gas service." While the Company does not charge a penalty or fee to customers that wish to voluntarily terminate gas service, the Company has charged customers to remove or modify Company owned assets. As a result, through this advice letter, the Company:

- updates the eligibility requirements for an applicant to receive a construction allowance;
- updates the extension policy tariff to reflect that all customers and/or applicants requesting initial service to a premise will now be required to pay 100 percent of the "Meter Set." A "Meter Set," as defined at Sheet No. R67 of the Company's Gas Tariff, includes the "Gas meter, Meter Piping, meter regulator and materials necessary to facilitate installation of gas meter from the end of a Service Lateral Extension to Customer owned equipment as determined by Company;" and
- adds language to its tariff clarifying that there are no charges for voluntarily and permanently terminating gas service to properties, consistent with § 40-3.2-104.5, C.R.S.

All tariff changes implementing the aforementioned requirements of § 40-3.2-104.3 and § 40-3.2-104.5 C.R.S. are reflected, in redline, in Attachment 1 hereto. The following table summarizes the tariff changes and associated rationales.

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<b>Gas Tariff Sheet</b>	<b>Overview of Proposed Change and Rationale</b>
R11	Incorporating language to clarify that customers who voluntarily and permanently terminate gas service will not incur a charge or fee, unless otherwise permitted by the Commission.
R64	Updating the definition of Construction Allowance, requiring, a specifically-approved plat, permit, or development plan in order to receive a construction allowance, consistent with § 40-3.2-104.3(2)(d), C.R.S.
R72	Clarifying that customers are now responsible for the full cost of an initial Meter Set as opposed to 50% (which was implemented effective November 1, 2023).
R86	Updating costs since customers will be responsible for the full cost of an initial Meter Set as opposed to 50% (which was implemented effective November 1, 2023).
R87	Incorporating language from the revised definition of Construction Allowance on Tariff Sheet No. R64.
R89	Updating costs since customers will be responsible for the full cost of an initial Meter Set as opposed to 50% (which was implemented effective November 1, 2023).

This filing has no net effect on the Company's annual revenues. The Company requests that the tariffs accompanying this advice letter become effective on February 1, 2024, on slightly more than 30 days- notice.

The Company is filing a Motion for Alternative Form of Notice herewith, seeking to provide notice to our customers by the means set forth therein.

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