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FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION
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In Reply Refer To:
Public Service Company of Colorado
Docket No. ER12-1682-000

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Dear Ms. Thompson:

1. On August 31, 2012, you submitted an offer of settlement on behalf of Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) and its affiliate, Southwestern Public Service Company (Southwestern), in the above-captioned proceeding. On September 6, 2012, the Commission's Trial Staff filed comments supporting the settlement. No comments were filed that opposed the settlement. On September 19, 2012, the presiding administrative law judge certified the settlement to the Commission as uncontested.

2. The settlement resolves the level of line loss factors appropriate for Southwestern's transmission service, which was the sole issue set for hearing by the Commission.¹ The settlement appears to be fair and reasonable and in the public interest and is hereby approved. The revised tariff provisions at issue,² already filed in this proceeding in the eTariff filing system,³ reflect the settlement and are accepted to be

¹ *Public Service Company of Colorado*, 139 FERC ¶ 61,263 (2012).

² The provisions agreed-upon in the settlement were originally filed May 1, 2012, to modify tariff sections 15.7 and 28.5 with respect to Real Power losses on the Southwestern system, and were proposed to be effective July 1, 2012, but were suspended for five months. PSCo will, if necessary, submit a compliance filing in eTariff to establish the settlement's December 1, 2012 effective date for these sections.

³ See *Electronic Tariff Filings*, Order No. 714, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 31,276 (2008).

effective December 1, 2012, pursuant to the settlement. The Commission's approval of this settlement does not constitute approval of, or precedent regarding, any principle or issue.

3. As provided in Article V of the settlement, the applicable standard of review for proposed changes to the settlement is the just and reasonable standard. The Commission retains the right to investigate the rates, terms, and conditions under the just and reasonable standard of section 206 of the Federal Power Act, 16 U.S.C. § 824e (2006).

4. This letter terminates Docket No. ER12-1682-000.

By direction of the Commission.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

cc: All Parties