

BEFORE THE CORPORATION COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE )  
COMPANY OF OKLAHOMA (“PSO”) FOR )  
APPROVAL OF A FINANCING ORDER FOR )  
THE COLLECTION OF INCREASED COSTS, )  
CAUSED BY THE EXTREME WINTER )  
WEATHER AND CONTAINED IN THE )  
REGULATORY ASSET AUTHORIZED BY )  
ORDER 717625, INCLUDING AN )  
APPROPRIATE CARRYING COST, AND SUCH )  
OTHER RELIEF AS THE COMMISSION )  
DEEMS PSO IS ENTITLED )

CAUSE NO. PUD 202100076



**APPLICATION**

**I. APPLICANT:** Public Service Company of Oklahoma (“PSO” or “Company”)  
212 E. 6th Street  
Tulsa, Oklahoma 74119

**II. ALLEGATIONS OF FACT:**

(a) On February 24, 2021, PSO filed an Application opening cause PUD 202100040 to address the increased costs of fuel, purchased power, and other costs caused by the February winter weather event of 2021. The facts and allegations contained in PSO’s Application are incorporated herein as if fully set forth.

(b) On April 7, 2021, this Commission issued Order No. 717652 requiring PSO to defer to a regulatory asset account the extraordinary costs associated with ensuring that the customers of PSO continued to receive utility service during the unprecedented cold February winter weather event, including carrying costs at the Company’s actual effective cost of any credit facilities, loan agreements, or other debt financing used to finance the deferred costs related to the weather emergency. Order No. 717652 directed that decisions related to recovery of the deferred account, or other associated costs, were to be addressed at a later date in a future proceeding.

(c) On April 23, 2021, the February 2021 Regulated Utility Protection Act, 74 O.S. 9070 *et seq.* (“Act”) became law in the State of Oklahoma. The Act is the legislative response to provide a mechanism through securitization to help mitigate the impact on customer bills of the extraordinary increase in the cost of gas and purchased power, as well as other costs, incurred by rate regulated utilities such as PSO.

(d) PSO is a regulated utility as defined in 74 O.S. 9702 (9) and is therefore eligible to request the Commission to issue a Financing Order to recover the costs of the February winter weather event as set forth in the Act.

(e) PSO has complied with the directives of Order No. 717652 by deferring to a regulatory asset account the extraordinary costs caused by the February winter weather event.

(f) Collecting these costs through PSO's Fuel Clause Adjustment ("FCA") Rider could cause extreme financial hardship on customers. Therefore, PSO is in the process of preparing the information required by 74 O.S. 9073 (A) ("required information"), as well as other information that PSO deems will aid the Commission in issuing a Financing Order, to allow for full cost recovery of the regulatory asset, including a carrying charge at PSO's weighted average cost of capital, while at the same time mitigating the bill impact increase for customers. Once the required information and pre-filed testimony is filed, PSO will request the Commission to make a determination that the application is deemed complete, and therefore begin the 180-day time period by which the Commission is to issue a Financing Order in this cause pursuant to 74 O.S. 9074 (C).

### **III. LEGAL AUTHORITY:**

17 O.S. §152, 74 O.S. 9072 *et seq.*

### **IV. RELIEF REQUESTED:**

**WHEREFORE**, Public Service Company of Oklahoma requests this Commission to issue a Financing Order as requested herein, including a carrying charge based upon PSO's weighted average cost of capital, and grant such other relief as the Commission deems PSO is entitled.

Respectfully submitted,

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