

## **Exhibit 3**

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Decision No. C08-0875

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

DOCKET NO. 07A-421E

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF  
COLORADO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
FOR THE PAWNEE-SMOKY HILL 345 KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT.

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**ORDER FURTHER DISCUSSING ISSUES FOR REMAND**

Mailed Date: August 20, 2008

Adopted Date: July 30, 2008

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. This matter comes before the Commission for further consideration of issues on remand to the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) assigned to this docket.

**B. Background**

2. By Decision No. C08-0757, we found that certain issues presented by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) in its Application for Rehearing, Reargument or Reconsideration (RRR) necessitated additional information be added to the record. First, we found it appropriate to allow Public Service to explore further the details behind the estimated \$11.3 million cost of the bundled conductor and to offer evidence as to that calculated amount. Second, we found that some confusion exists over the number and density of residential homes and their locations in relation to the right-of-way in Sections 2 and 3 of the Project and, therefore, it is appropriate to gather additional evidence regarding those issues. Third, the subjects of noise and electromagnetic field were closely linked to the size of the conductor in this proceeding. Finally, we found that a determination of whether the transmission

facilities, including the conductor, are appropriately sized to accommodate future need, especially given the legislative intent under § 40-2-126, C.R.S., to ensure the adequacy of transmission systems now and in the future to be important to the final decision.

3. Therefore, we granted Public Service's request for rehearing before the ALJ to receive additional testimony and evidence.

4. Since our deliberations on the Applications for RRR, other cases have come before the Commission that referred to the Missile Site Substation (formerly known as Corner Point). We are interested in learning more about the future plans for this facility and the transmission corridor between it and the Denver Load Center.

5. Missile Site was mentioned in Electric Resource Plan testimony as a primary injection site for Zone 2 Resources. Additionally, in this same docket, Public Service's Resource Planning Period out to 2046 shows a projected peak summer load of nearly 15,000 MW and we are interested on how this additional load will be served adequately via the transmission system.

6. Missile Site has also been mentioned in the Company's Rule 3206 filing submitted to the Commission on April 30, 2008. In this filing, Missile Site has been described as a future major 345/230kV substation constructed on a 35 to 40-acre site. The initial 230kV yard is planned for an in-service date of May 31, 2010.

7. Given the limited number of corridors into the Denver Load Center, we want more information regarding the future potential loading that could occur on this Missile Site to Denver corridor over the same time frame as Public Service's Resource Planning Period, broken into as many increments as the Company deems appropriate. Once this loading is determined, then the adequate capacity needs for this line section will be known, and the proper conductor configuration can be determined.

## II. ORDER

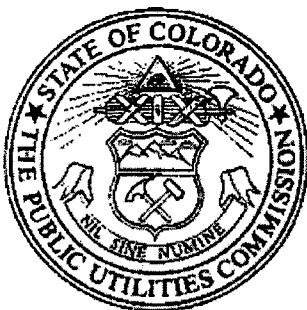
### A. The Commission Orders That:

1. We direct the Administrative Law Judge assigned to this docket to include the above discussion in her list of items to be reheard.

2. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

### B. **ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING July 30, 2008.**

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Doug Dean,  
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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