

Decision No. R23-0064-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22A-0467T

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION GUNNISON/HINSDALE COMBINED
EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SERVICE AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE EMERGENCY
TELEPHONE CHARGE.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
AVIV SEGEV
SCHEDULING REMOTE PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: January 27, 2023

I. STATEMENT

1. On October 31, 2022, Gunnison/Hinsdale Combined Emergency Telephone Service Authority (Applicant) filed a with the Commission an Application for Emergency Telephone Charge increase petitioned by a governing body to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission pursuant to § 29-11-102(2)(c), C.R.S. (Application). The Applications seeks approval from the Commission to increase its 911 surcharge.

2. On November 2, 2022, the Commission filed a Notice of Application Filed (Notice) advising interested persons, firms, and corporations of the Application and seeking a Commission decision within 250 days.

3. On November 9, 2022, the Commission filed an Amended Notice of Application Filed (Amended Notice) advising interested persons, firms, and corporations of the Application, setting an intervention deadline of November 23, 2022.

4. On November 23, 2022, the Colorado Cable Telecommunications Association (CCTA) filed a motion to permissively intervene in this proceeding (CCTA's Motion to Intervene).

5. On November 30, 2022, the Commission deemed the Application complete and referred this Proceeding to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) by minute entry.

6. By Decision No. R23-0034-I, issued January 13, 2023, the ALJ, among other things, granted CCTA's Motion to Intervene.

7. In anticipation of a possible evidentiary hearing in this Proceeding, the undersigned ALJ will schedule a prehearing conference in accordance with Rule 1409(a) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1. In the remote prehearing conference, the procedural schedule for this Proceeding will be addressed, as well as other matters raised by the parties. The remote prehearing conference will be conducted over the Zoom videoconferencing platform. The ALJ, or a member of Commission Staff, will email the log-in information in advance of the hearing.

8. As to the method by which the evidentiary hearing in this Proceeding may be conducted, the parties should note that the Commission can conduct in-person, remote, or hybrid hearings. A remote hearing is one in which all of the participants appear and participate from remote locations over the Zoom web conferencing platform. A hybrid hearing involves the ALJ and at least one party and/or witness participating from one of the Commission's hearing rooms in Denver, and the remaining party(ies) and witness(es) participating from one or more remote locations using the Zoom web conferencing platform. An in-person hearing is one in which the ALJ and all parties and witnesses participate in the hearing at the same location. Although input as to the manner of hearing will be invited and considered, the parties are on notice that the ALJ

will retain full discretion to adopt procedures governing this proceeding, including with respect to the method, location, and time of the evidentiary hearing.

9. Failure to attend or to participate in the remote prehearing conference may be considered as waiver of any objection to the rulings made by the ALJ, the procedural schedule established, or to the hearing dates scheduled, during, or as a result of, the remote prehearing conference ordered below.

10. The undersigned ALJ informally conferred with the parties who confirmed their availability at the date and time ordered below.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. A remote prehearing conference in this proceeding is scheduled as follows:

DATE: February 3, 2023

TIME: 2:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

WEBCAST: Hearing Room B

METHOD: Join by video conference using Zoom at the link to be provided in an email from the Administrative Law Judge¹

2. No one should appear in-person for the remote prehearing conference.
3. This Decision is effective immediately

¹ Additional information about the Zoom platform and how to use the platform are available at: <https://zoom.us/>. All are strongly encouraged to participate in a test meeting prior to the scheduled hearing. See <https://zoom.us/test>.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

AVIV SEGEV

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Harris Adams".

G. Harris Adams,
Interim Director