Decision No. C24-0256

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24M-0173E

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSIONS' INVESTIGATION INTO THE APRIL 2024 FRONT RANGE WINDSTORM AND XCEL ENERGY'S PUBLIC SERVICE POWER

SHUT-OFFS.

COMMISSION DECISION SCHEDULING A **COMMISSIONERS' INFORMATION MEETING** 

Mailed Date:

April 24, 2024

Adopted Date: April 17, 2024

I. **BY THE COMMISSION** 

> A. Statement

By Decision No. C24-0232, mailed April 15, 2023, the Colorado Public Utilities 1.

Commission (Commission) opened this Proceeding to investigate Xcel Energy, doing business as

Public Service Company of Colorado's (Public Service or the Company), pro-active wildfire

mitigation actions deployed April 6-7, 2024, in its electric transmission and distribution systems,

including Public Safety Power Shutoffs (PSPS). Also, in Decision No. C24-0232, we ordered

Public Service to provide responses to questions regarding the Company's operational actions and

decision-making, customer communications activities, and community engagement efforts.

2. The Commission has received over 600 written public comments and heard from

approximately an additional 50 persons at the remote public comment hearing held on

April 17, 2024. To continue our investigation, we schedule a Commissioners' Information Meeting

(CIM) to discuss with the Company, its actions and responses to our questions. At this CIM, we

anticipate a dialog with the Company regarding: 1) how Public Service made decisions on where

and when the PSPSs were initiated, including an explanation of any wildfire modeling; 2) the

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frequency, timing, and methods of communications to customers; 3) the process of restoration of service; and 4) Public Service's response to the oral and written public comments that the Commission has received. At the CIM, after hearing from the Company, we will then convene a panel of city and county mangers and emergency personnel to gather information from their experiences with the PSPSs of April 6-8 and their suggestions for going-forward.

## II. ORDER

## **A.** The Commission Orders That:

1. A Commissioners' Information Meeting is scheduled, as follows:

DATE: May 6, 2024

TIME: 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

METHOD: Join by videoconference using Zoom at the link

to be provided by e-mail.

Available for viewing at:

https://www.youtube.com/@COPublicUtilitiesCommission

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

## B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING April 17, 2024.

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Rebecca E. White, Director