

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24C-0346T

IN THE MATTER OF COMMISSION TRIAL STAFF'S REQUEST FOR ISSUANCE OF A SHOW CAUSE ORDER REQUIRING TELECOMMUNICATION PROVIDERS TO EXPLAIN WHY FILING OF THE DR 0525 FORM FOR 2022 HAS NOT BEEN MADE TO COMPLY WITH COMMISSION RULES AND ORDERS.

**INTERIM DECISION
VACATING AND RESCHEDULING REMOTE HEARING
AND PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPATION
IN REMOTE HEARING**

Issued Date: September 6, 2024

I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. On August 8, 2024, Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission filed a Request for Show Cause Order Against Telecommunication Providers that allegedly failed to file a copy of the Department of Revenue's DR 0525 form for the year ending December 31, 2022 to the Commission in accordance with Commission rules and Decision No. C23-0527-I, filed August 8, 2023 in Proceeding No. 23M-0007T ("Request"). The Request initiated this proceeding, which was subsequently assigned to the undersigned Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ").

2. On August 21, 2024, the Commission issued an Order Setting Hearing for September 18, 2024 ("Order"). The Order stated that "[t]he ALJ will establish the place and manner in which the hearing will be held (*e.g.*, in person, fully remote, or hybrid) by separate order."

B. Rescheduling of Hearing as a Remote Hearing

3. There is a scheduling conflict with the current hearing date. As a result, the ALJ will vacate and reset the hearing to September 25, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. The hearing will be conducted as a remote hearing in which the participants appear and participate from remote locations over the Zoom web conferencing platform. Nobody should attend the hearing in person.

C. Remote Participation in Remote Hearing and Exhibits

4. The Commission employs Zoom (<https://zoom.us/>) for the participation of parties, witnesses, attorneys, and Commission staff in remote hearings. Attachment A to this Decision provides instructions for how to use the Zoom platform to remotely participate in the remote hearing.

5. Given that the hearing will be a remote hearing in which the parties, witnesses, and attorneys will participate remotely, exhibits must be presented electronically. The Public Utilities Commission utilizes Box.com to manage exhibits in remote hearings. Attachment B provides detailed instructions for the marking, formatting, and electronic presentation of exhibits at the hearing through Box.com.

6. Each party will receive an email containing an invitation to sign up for a free Box.com account. Once signed-up, each party will be invited to share a folder with (only) the staff in the Administrative Hearings Section, Commission advisors, and potentially Commissioners and Commission counsel. The party may share access to its Box.com account with others as they choose.

7. It is extremely important that the parties carefully review and follow all requirements in this Decision and Attachments A and B.

8. The Commission will hold an informal practice video-conference session if requested by any party to give an opportunity to practice using Zoom before the remote hearing. The parties may contact a Commission Legal Assistant by email at casey.federico@state.co.us and stephanie.kunkel@state.co.us, to schedule an informal practice video-conference session. If an informal practice session is requested, the parties will receive an email with information and a link to participate in the informal practice session.

D. Additional Advisements

9. The Parties are advised and are on notice that this proceeding is governed by the Rules of Practice and Procedure found at 4 CCR 723-1. The ALJ expects the Parties to be familiar with and to comply with these rules. The rules are available on the Commission's website (<https://puc.colorado.gov/pucrules>) and in hard copy from the Commission.

II. ORDER**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The hearing scheduled for September 18, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. is vacated and rescheduled as a remote hearing as follows:

DATE: September 25, 2024

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

WEBCAST: Commission Hearing Room

METHOD: Join by video conference using Zoom at the link to be provided in an email from the Administrative Law Judge OR Commission Staff¹

2. Nobody should attend the remote hearing in-person.

3. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
Director

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>.