

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 21A-0625EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF
COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2022–2025 RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLIANCE
PLAN.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO AMEND PROCEDURAL
SCHEDULE AND ORDERING SETTling PARTIES TO
FILE SUPPORTING TESTIMONY**

Mailed Date: September 6, 2022

Adopted Date: August 31, 2022

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On August 30, 2022, Public Service Company of Colorado filed a notice of settlement in principle and a motion for leave to amend the procedural schedule. By this Decision we grant the motion.

B. Findings and Conclusions

2. The parties, apart from the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (UCA), have, in principle, reached a non-unanimous comprehensive settlement resolving all issues in this Proceeding. UCA opposes one term of the settlement but otherwise supports or does not oppose the remainder of the settlement. Public Service indicates that the parties will endeavor to file a settlement agreement by August 31, 2022.

3. Considering this, the parties move to: (1) vacate the deadline for the filing of Settlement Agreements; (2) vacate the September 8-9 and 12, 2022 evidentiary hearing dates, with the September 13-15, 2022 dates remaining for an *en banc* hearing on the Settlement

Agreement and UCA's single contested issue; (3) amend the deadline for the filing of Settlement Testimony to September 7, 2022; and (4) amend the deadline for filing cross-examination matrix to September 8, 2022. They also ask that we direct them to file proposed hearing procedures for the contested issue by September 8, 2022.

4. We agree that modifying the procedural schedule and the related requests are sensible and therefore grant the motion. We also waive response time to the motion because it is unopposed.

5. Finally, it has been our experience that parties to a settlement occasionally provide limited testimony to support the settlement. We remind the settling parties that they carry the burden to show that the terms of the settlement are just and reasonable and otherwise in the public interest. Therefore, we order at least four of the settling parties to file testimony supporting the settlement. The settling parties may confer to determine which four parties will file written settlement testimony in support of the settlement.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Commission grants the Motion for Leave to Amend Procedural Schedule.
2. The Settling Parties are ordered to provide written testimony in support of the settlement from at least four different parties to the settlement.
3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 31, 2022.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

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