

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CASE NO. 6396

IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITY TRANSMISSION FACILITIES AND ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATION FACILITIES FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IS REQUIRED, OR THE FILING OF A FORMAL DETERMINATION THAT NO CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.

**ORDER OF THE COMMISSION
GIVING NOTICE OF FILING**

Mailed Date: May 27, 2003

Adopted Date: May 21, 2003

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. Rule 18 of the Commission's Electric Utility Rules, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-3, requires each Colorado electric utility to file with the Commission, no later than April 30 of each year, information on its proposed new construction or extensions of transmission and generation facilities for the next three calendar years, as described in Rules 18(d) and 18(e).

2. Rule 18(g) provides that the information filed by each utility shall be public information, available for inspection at the offices of the Commission during regular business hours. The rule further provides that the Commission will give notice of the filing of data to all those who, in the opinion of the Commission, are interested persons, firms, or corporations. Any interested person, firm, or corporation may file comments in regard to the projects identified by the data filed with the Commission within 15 days of the filing of data. Because 15 days from

the filing of some of the data has expired, the Commission will allow comments to be filed 15 days after the mailing of this decision.

3. The following utilities have filed information on proposed construction projects as listed:

INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES

Public Service Company of Colorado

1. Steamboat Looped Transmission, in-service September 2004, CPCN given per Decision No. C03-0335.
2. Midway-Daniels Park 345 kV Rebuild Alternative, in-service May 2005 (replaces Midway-Smoky Hill 345 kV line, in-service June 2005) CPCN determination required per Decision No. C02-716.
3. Rocky Mountain Energy Center 230/345 kV Interconnection, in-service May 2004, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
4. Green Valley-Spruce 230/345 kV Interconnection Transmission Line, in-service May 2004, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
5. Denver Terminal-Dakota-Arapahoe 230 kV Transmission Line, in-service May 2005, CPCN determination required per Decision No. C02-716.
6. Chambers 230/115 kV Transmission Intertie Project, in-service May 2005 (formerly Sky Ranch-Smoky Hill 230 kV Transmission Line Connection to the Havana-East 115 kV Transmission Line, in-service May 2004), CPCN determination required per Decision No. C02-716.
7. Valmont-Boulder Terminal 115 kV Transmission Line upgrade, in-service June 2005, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
8. Boone-Lamar Uprate, in-service May 2004, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
9. Lamar 345 kV Tieline, in-service January 2005 (CPCN granted per Decision No. R01-604 with stipulations).
10. Arapahoe-Sheridan 115 kV Line Uprate, in-service May 2003 – new filing.
11. Broomfield-Semper 115 kV Double Circuit Transmission Line, in-service May 2006 – new filing.

12. Comanche 230-115 kV Autotransformers, in-service December 2004 – new filing.
13. Comanche-Reader 115 kV transmission Line Upgrade, in-service December 2004 – new filing.
14. San Luis Valley 230-115 kV Autotransformers, in-service October 2003 – new filing.
15. Shoshone-Rifle 69 kV to 115 kV Upgrade, in-service May 2006 – new filing.
16. Soda Lakes 230-115 kV autotransformer, in-service May 2004 – new filing.

Aquila (formerly WestPlains Energy)

1. Arequa Gulch Substation (formerly Squaw Mountain Substation), in-service 4th quarter 2007, no CPCN per Decision No. C00-932.
2. Canon West-Arequa Gulch (formerly Squaw Mountain) 115 kV Transmission Line, in-service 4th quarter 2007, no CPCN per Decision No. C00-932.
3. Pueblo West Substation, in-service November 2003, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
4. Hyde Park Substation, in-service 4th quarter 2004 – new filing.
5. Desert Cove Substation, in-service 2nd quarter 2003 – new filing.
6. Colorado Springs Water Project, in-service 3rd quarter 2005 – new filing.
7. West Station Breaker Addition, in-service 2nd quarter 2005 – new filing.
8. Reader Substation Upgrade, in-service 2nd quarter 2005 – new filing.
9. Airport Industrial Park Substation Addition, in-service 2nd quarter 2005 – new filing.
10. Canon West Substation Capacitor Bank Upgrade, in-service 2nd quarter 2004 – new filing.
11. Freemary Substation Addition, in-service 4th quarter 2004 – new filing.
12. PDA 115kV Transmission Line, in-service 2nd quarter 2004. – new filing.
13. PDA Substation, in-service 2nd quarter 2004 – new filing.

RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATIONSHoly Cross Energy

1. Snowmass Substation and 115 kV line, in-service November 2004 – new filing.

Intermountain Rural Electric Association, Inc.

1. Sulphur 230 kV Substation, in service April 2004.
2. Lemon Gulch 230 kV Substation, in service August 2004.
3. Lemon Gulch 230 kV Transmission Line, in service August 2004.
4. Crystal Valley 115 kV Substation, in-service October 2004, no CPCN per Decision No. C01-746.
5. Sulphur-Parker 115 kV Transmission Line, in-service December 2003, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
6. Fairplay Substation, in-service July 2005, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
7. Wolfensberger Substation, in-service August 2003, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
8. Greenland Substation Modification, in-service October 2005, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
9. Castle Rock Substation Terminal Addition, in-service October 2004, no CPCN per Decision No. C01-746.
10. Deer Creek Substation Modification, in-service May 2004 – new filing.
11. Castle Rock- Crystal Valley 115 kV Transmission Line, in-service January 2005 – new filing.
12. Crystal Valley-Greenland-Palmer Lake 115 kV Transmission Line, in-service October 2005 – new filing.
13. Palmer Lake Substation Modification, in-service January 2006 - new filing.
14. Bennett Substation Modification, in-service September 2005 – new filing.
15. Strasburg Substation Upgrade, in-service September 2005 – new filing.
16. Strasburg Transmission Substation Upgrade, in-service September 2005 – new filing

La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

1. Bodo-Elmore 46 kV Uprate, in-service July 2003 – new filing.
2. Elmore-Bayfield 46 kV Uprate, in-service August 2004 – new filing.

Mountain View Electric Association, Inc.

1. Paddock 115/69 kV Substation, in-service August 2003 (CPCN not required per Decision No. C99-676).
2. Meridian Ranch 115/69 kV to 12.5 kV Substation Transformer, in-service August 2005.
3. Apple Tree Substation, in-service August 2004, no CPCN per Decision No. C02-716.
4. City of Colorado Springs Water Pumping Station, in-service 2005 – new filing.

San Miguel Power Association

A response was filed but no projects were submitted

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

1. Black Squirrel-Monument 69 kV Line Uprate, in-service December 2004, no CPCN per decision No. C02-716.
2. Cahone-Nucla 115 kV Transmission Line Uprate, in-service December 2004, no CPCN per Decision No. C98-533.
3. Erie Switch-Rinn Valley 115 kV Project, in-service September 2004, no CPCN per Decision No. C00-932.
4. I-25 Corridor 115 kV Loop Project, in-service December 2003, no CPCN per Decision No. C00-932.
5. Nucla-Telluride 115 kV Transmission Line, in-service December 2005 (CPCN granted per Decision No. C01-1059).
6. Colorado/New Mexico 230 kV Interconnection, in-service June 2005 (CPCN granted with stipulations per Decision No. R01-1074).
7. Hotchkiss-Spring Creek Tap 115 kV Line Uprate, in-service December 2004, no CPCN per Decision No. C01-661.
8. Bayfield-Durango 115 kV Line Uprate, in-service December 2005, no CPCN per decision No. C02-716.
9. Granby-Windy Gap 138 kV Transmission Line Project, in-service December 2006, no CPCN per Decision No. C90-1125.

10. Montrose-Nucla 115 kV Transmission Line Reconductor, in-service December 2006, no CPCN per Decision No. C98-533.
11. Garnet Mesa 115 kV Loop Service, in-service December 2005 – new filing.
12. Red Willow-Wauneta 115 kV Line reconductor, in-service June 2005 – new filing.
13. Richard Lake-Wellington 115 kV Loop Project, in-service December 2005 – new filing.
14. Bayfield-Pagosa 115 kV Loop Project, in-service December 2006 – new filing.
15. San Luis-Walsenburg 230 kV Line Project, in-service December 2006 – new filing.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Notice is hereby given that the above investor-owned utilities and rural electric cooperative associations have submitted information about the proposed construction of transmission and generation facilities in accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules Regulating the Service of Electric Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-3. Under that rule, you are notified that the information is available for inspection at the offices of the Commission during regular business hours.

2. Any interested person, firm, or corporation may file comments about the projects identified by the data now filed with the Commission within 15 days after the Mailed Date of this Decision. The Commission will consider any comments in determining which projects do not require a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for which projects the utility will be required to file an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity or a formal determination that a certificate is not required.

3. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
May 21, 2003.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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