Decision No. C14-0173-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 13A-0836E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2014 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD COMPLIANCE PLAN.

INTERIM DECISION SHORTENING RESPONSE TIME TO MOTION TO FILE RESPONSE TO JOINT SOLAR PARTIES

Mailed Date: February 13, 2014 Adopted Date: February 13, 2014

I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a Motion for Leave to File Response to the Joint Response Filed by the Joint Solar Parties¹ to the Colorado Energy Office's Motion to Sever Issues Relating to Net Metering and Request to Shorten Response Time (Motion), filed on February 11, 2014 by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company). Public Service requests a shortened response time to its Motion, arguing that time is of the essence in addressing the issues raised by the Colorado Energy Office (CEO).

¹ The Joint Solar Parties are the Vote Solar Initiative, the Alliance for Solar Choice, and the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association.

- 2. On January 21, 2014, CEO filed a Motion to sever the issues related to net metering to a new proceeding. Several parties, including Public Service and the Joint Solar Parties, filed responses to the CEO Motion. The Commission has not yet reached a final decision on the CEO Motion.
- 3. Public Service argues that the Joint Solar Parties, in their response to CEO, raised new issues and sought relief that is broader and different than what CEO requested. Public Service argues that the informal process envisioned by the Joint Solar Parties would expand the proceeding to address the legal and policy issues far beyond the costs and benefits of net metered distributed generation. Public Service concludes that due process requires that the Company be offered an opportunity to respond to the issues raised by the Joint Solar Parties. The Company seeks leave to file a reply under Rule 1400(e) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1.
- 4. We find good cause to shorten response time to Public Service's Motion to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

- 1. Response time to the Motion for Leave to File Response to the Joint Response Filed by the Joint Solar Parties to the Colorado Energy Office's Motion to Sever Issues Relating to Net Metering and Request to Shorten Response Time filed on February 11, 2014 by Public Service Company of Colorado is shortened to 12:00 noon on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.
 - 2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING February 13, 2014.



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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