

Decision No. C14-1299

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0414E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION AND THE COLORADO SOLAR ENERGIES INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION.

**DECISION GRANTING MOTION
TO EXTEND SETTLEMENT**

Mailed Date: October 28, 2014

Adopted Date: October 22, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On October 8, 2014, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed a Motion to Extend the Operation of the Settlement Approved by Decision No. C14-0701 or for Alternative Relief (Motion). Included in the Motion was a request to shorten response time to the Motion.

2. By Decision No. C14-0701 issued June 25, 2014, the Commission approved a stipulation and agreement (2014 Solar Settlement) entered into by Public Service, the Solar Energy Industries Association, Inc. (SEIA), and the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association (COSEIA) to extend the Company's Small Solar*Rewards Program with approved acquisitions of up to 20 MW (limited to 4 MW per month) and to reopen the Medium Solar*Rewards Program with approved acquisitions of up to 7 MW.

3. In its Motion, Public Service explains that the terms of the settlement will expire on October 31, 2014.

4. Public Service requests that the Commission extend the operation of the 2014 Solar Settlement for the Small program until the effective date of the Commission's final decision in Proceeding No. 13A-0836E concerning its 2014 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan. In the alternative, Public Service requests that the Commission enter a decision implementing certain approvals set forth in the Administrative Law Judge's recommended decision in Proceeding No. 13A-0836E, Decision No. R14-0902 issued July 31, 2014, on an interim basis until the effective date of the Commission's final decision in that proceeding. Public Service states that COSEIA supports the request to extend the terms of the settlement and that SEIA does not oppose the Motion.

5. Public Service further states that granting the Motion will not prejudice our decision on exception to its 2014 RES Compliance Plan (Proceeding No. 13A-0836E) and will provide the Commission with more time to consider the issues in that proceeding.

6. By Decision No. C14-1244-I issued October 15, 2014, the Commission shortened response time to the Motion to October 17, 2014.

7. No responses were filed.

B. Findings and Conclusions

8. Pursuant to Commission Rule of Practice and Procedure Rule 1403(a), the Commission may determine a motion without hearing if it is uncontested or unopposed.

9. Approval of the settlement will allow Public Service to continue to offer on-site solar in its Small program and provide continuity to its customers and the on-site solar industry. In Decision No. C14-0701, we found that no party to this proceeding disputes continuity of the solar programs is in the public interest. We find good cause to grant the Company's request to

extend the terms of solar settlement until the Commission issues a final decision in Proceeding No. 13A-0836E.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion to Extend the Operation of the Settlement Approved by Decision No. C14-0701 filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on October 8, 2014 is granted.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 22, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
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