

Decision No. C19-0702

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 16A-0139E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2017 – 2019 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD COMPLIANCE PLAN.

DECISION ADDRESSING 2018 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD COMPLIANCE REPORT

Mailed Date: August 23, 2019

Adopted Date: August 21, 2019

I. BY THE COMMISSION

1. This Decision addresses the 2018 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Report (RES Compliance Report) filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) pursuant to Rule 3662 of the Commission's RES Rules, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-3-3650, *et seq.* We find that Public Service complied with the RES in 2018 and that no hearing is necessary.

A. Statement

2. On May 31, 2019, Public Service filed its RES Compliance Report pursuant to Rule 3662 of the Commission's RES Rules. The Commission issued a notice of the Company's filing on June 5, 2019 and set a 30-day period during which interested parties could submit comments. No public comments were filed.

3. Rule 3663(a)(III) of the Commission's RES Rules requires Staff of the Commission (Staff) to review a utility's annual compliance report within 60 days of its filing and

recommend to the Commission whether the utility complied with the RES during the compliance year, whether a hearing is necessary, and whether any changes to the report are needed.

4. On August 1, 2019, Staff timely filed its review of Public Service's 2018 RES Compliance Report.

B. Discussion and Findings

5. In accordance with Colorado's Renewable Energy Statute (§ 40-2-124(1)(c)(I)(C), C.R.S.), Public Service was required to generate 20 percent of its retail electric sales from eligible energy resources. The Company's retail sales for 2018 were 29,246,096 MWh. The 20 percent RES requirement is 5,849,219 MWh. In addition, the RES statute requires Public Service to generate 2 percent of its retail electric sales (or 584,922 MWh) from renewable distributed generation (DG) resources with at least one half of that (or 292,461 MWh) must come from retail distributed generation (RDG) resources.

6. Consistent with what is permitted under Commission Rule 3659, Public Service generally demonstrates compliance with the RES through the retirement of renewable energy credits (RECs).¹ Each REC corresponds to 1 MWh of electricity generated from an eligible energy resource. Using this approach, Public Service must show it retired a minimum of 5,849,219 RECs for the 2018 compliance year or demonstrate that it caused a certain number of MWh of electricity to be generated from eligible energy resources.

7. Based on its review of Public Service's Annual Compliance Report, Staff concludes that the Company retired sufficient RECs to comply with all aspects of the RES for 2018. Therefore, no hearing is necessary.

¹ Under Rule 3652, each REC is associated with 1 MWh of generation from a renewable energy resource. However, pursuant to Rule 3654, each MWh of renewable energy generated in Colorado provides 1.25 RECs for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with the RES.

8. We find that Public Service is in compliance with the RES statute and rules for 2018. Based on Staff's analysis, we find that Public Service may carry forward 887,399 RDG RECs, 1,924,387 Wholesale DG RECs, and 21,496,060 non-DG RECs to meet RES requirements in future years or for any other legal purpose, in accordance with the Commission's RES Rules.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) is in compliance with the Renewable Energy Standard (RES), including its distributed generation requirements, for the 2018 compliance year. Therefore, no hearing is necessary.

2. Public Service shall carry forward the renewable energy credits in excess of those used to demonstrate compliance with the RES in 2018, consistent with the discussion above.

3. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 21, 2019.**

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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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