

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 21R-0449G

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSION'S RULES REGULATING GAS UTILITIES, 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-4, RELATING TO GAS UTILITY PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTING SB 21-264 REGARDING CLEAN HEAT PLANS AND HB 21-1238 REGARDING DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT.

**INTERIM DECISION SCHEDULING ADDITIONAL
HEARING DAY FOR AUGUST 31, 2022**

Mailed Date: August 24, 2022

Adopted Date: August 24, 2022

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. Through this Decision, the Commission schedules a continued day of remote public comment hearing for **August 31, 2022, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.** The purpose of this public comment hearing is to receive comments specifically from the Air Pollution Control Division (Division) of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) regarding their development of expected greenhouse gas accounting procedures intended to be used by utilities when creating clean heat plan filings.

2. Senate Bill 21-264, enacted and effective on June 24, 2021, and codified as § 40-3.2-108, C.R.S., instructs the Commission to consult with the Division to estimate the reductions of emissions of greenhouse gas and other air pollutants under any portfolio submitted by a gas utility in a clean heat plan. § 40-3.2-108(4)(g)(I), C.R.S. Consistent with this requirement, the Commission has coordinated with CDPHE as they develop a draft tool and accompanying guidance document for this purpose. *See* Decision No. C21-0842-I, issued Dec. 30, 2021

(addressing CDPHE coordination in this rulemaking) and Decision No. C22-0248-I, issued Apr. 21, 2022 (scheduling workshop with CDPHE representatives).

3. The Commission requests the Division file its current draft tool and accompanying guidance document into this Proceeding no later than August 26, 2022. This will allow opportunity for the Commissioners and their staff to review and prepare any questions for the public comment hearing. We anticipate the Division will subsequently file a *proposed* final version of these documents prior to the public comment hearing already scheduled for September 19, 2022,¹ so that interested persons can review and develop comments to provide to the Commission through oral comments at hearing or written comments filed at any time.

4. The Commission requests that persons interested in providing oral comments on this and other issues in the rulemaking defer their oral comments to the public comment hearing already scheduled for September 19, 2022, which will be longer in duration and allow more time to receive comments.² To observe the hearing through the webcast on the Commission's website, enter this link in the web browser: <https://puc.colorado.gov/webcasts> and select the audio or video option for Hearing Room A found on the date and time of the hearing. The Commission encourages viewers to observe the hearing through the webcast because this will help minimize background noise during the hearing and may assist in the orderly progression of the hearing.

¹ See Decision No. C22-0427-I, issued July 22, 2022 (scheduling September 19, 2022 public comment hearing).

² In addition, interested persons can submit written comments at any time in Proceeding No. 21R-0449G at:

<http://www.dora.state.co.us/pacific/PUC/puccomments.html>.

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II. ORDER

A. It is Ordered That:

1. A remote public comment hearing on the proposed rules and related matters shall be held as follows, consistent with this Decision:

DATE: August 31, 2022

TIME: 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

PLACE: By video conference using Zoom at the following link:³

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84681416664?pwd=cmpmMGJ1dnJvM0RXOGdyVWVYZ3k4Zz09>

2. The Commission may schedule additional days of hearings, if necessary, by separate order.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 24, 2022.**

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³ This Zoom link is also available through the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website.