

Decision No. C23-0497-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23M-0234G

IN THE MATTER OF THE GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FILED PURSUANT TO 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-4-4552 OF THE COMMISSION'S RULES REGULATING GAS UTILITIES.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION ADOPTING
PROPOSED DISCOVERY PARAMETERS**

Mailed Date: July 28, 2023

Adopted Date: July 19, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On May 18, 2023, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed its Initial 2023-2028 Gas Infrastructure Plan (Initial GIP), consistent with provisions in the Commission's Rules Regulating Gas Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-4-4550 to 4555.

2. Through this Decision we address the Consensus Proposed Discovery Parameters that Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) filed on July 14, 2023.

3. Consistent with the discussion below, we adopt the discovery parameters proposed by the parties, and we direct the Company to provide workpapers and executables supporting Public Service's Initial GIP to the Commissioners and the Commission's advisory staff.

B. Background

4. Rule 4552(b) specifies that parties may conduct discovery on the Initial GIP filing and any prefiled testimony. Through Decision No. C23-0452-I, issued July 10, 2023, the Commission addressed interventions and required the filing of a consensus proposed discovery parameters. On July 14, 2023, Public Service filed the consensus proposed discovery parameters that the parties in this Proceeding have agreed to.

5. The proposed discovery parameters include that there will be an expedited response time of three business days to opposed motions requesting extraordinary protection, and that responses to discovery requests will be served within seven business days. Additionally, the parties agree that the Company will provide workpapers and executables on July 14, 2023, parties filing initial comments shall provide workpapers and executables on August 10, 2023, and parties filing reply comments shall provide workpapers and executables on September 5, 2023.

C. Findings and Conclusions

6. We find that the discovery procedures proposed by the parties are reasonable, and therefore we adopt the Consensus Proposed Discovery Parameters.

7. In Decision No. C23-0378 opening this Proceeding, we reiterated that through the filing and consideration of GIPs, the Commission expects to better understand the current gas system and gain additional insights into system planning, forecasting, possible project alternatives, and investments. We also explained that initial GIP proceedings such as this proceeding will allow for the refinement of future adjudicated GIP filings.

8. To assist in our understanding of this Initial GIP, we direct Public Service to provide workpapers and executables supporting its Initial GIP filing to the Commissioners and the Commission's advisory staff. To the extent practicable, we request that Public Service file workpapers and executables through the Commission's E-Filing System, subject to appropriate confidentiality designations. For any remaining workpapers and executables, or remaining portions of these materials, we direct the Company to coordinate with assigned advisory staff on the provision of the materials through delivery of a flash drive to the PUC's offices, remote file sharing, or other appropriate method. Workpapers and executables shall be provided by 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2023.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Consensus Proposed Discovery Parameters filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) on July 14, 2023, are adopted.

2. Public Service shall provide workpapers and executables to the Commissioners and the Commission's advisory staff by 5:00 p.m. on August 2, 2023, consistent with the discussion above.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 19, 2023.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Rebecca E. White,
Director

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