

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25M-0012E

IN THE MATTER OF THE YEAR 2025 FILINGS BY COLORADO ELECTRIC UTILITIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULE 4 CCR 723-3-3205 FOR THE DETERMINATION OF WHETHER NEW OR EXPANDED GENERATION FACILITIES ARE IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS OR AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IS REQUIRED.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REQUEST FOR A
FINDING THAT NO CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC
CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IS REQUIRED FOR
THE EXTENSION OF THE ALAMOSA UNITS 1 AND 2**

Issued Date: November 19, 2025

Adopted Date: November 5, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. Rule 3205(c) of the Commission's Rules Regulating Electric Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-3, requires each Colorado electric utility to file with the Commission, no later than April 30 of each year, information on its proposed new construction or expansion of existing generating facilities that will result in an increase in generating capacity of 10 megawatts or more ("3205 Report").

2. The purpose of the Rule 3205 Report is to notify the Commission of such projects and help the Commission determine if such projects: (1) require a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity ("CPCN") under Rule 3102 and § 40-5-101, C.R.S., or (2) are in the ordinary course of business and do not require a CPCN.

3. On April 30, 2025, the Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) filed its initial 2025 Rule 3205(c) report which set forth projects that are proposed to occur over the next three years and that require new construction or the expansion of existing generating facilities that will provide an increase in generating capacity of 10 megawatts (“MW”) or more. The Company also provided an update on CPCN Applications for the Company-owned generating facilities approved as part of the Alternative Portfolio in Phase II of its 2021 Electric Resource Plan and Clean Energy Plan (“2021 ERP & CEP”) in Proceeding No. 21A-0141E, and for Company-owned backup bids.

4. On July 11, the Public Service filed a 2025 Supplemental Report, Public Service sought a Commission determination that no CPCN is required to extend Alamosa Units 1 and 2 as necessary in the ordinary course of business due to the withdrawal of Bid 0011 in Proceeding No. 21A-0141E. These units currently serve a critical reliability need and have been voluntarily scheduled to retire in 2026.

B. Discussion

5. Replacement generation resources for Alamosa Units 1 and 2 were identified as part of the Alternative Portfolio approved by the Commission in in Phase II of its 2021 Electric Resource Plan and Clean Energy Plan (“2021 ERP & CEP”) in Proceeding No. 21A-0141E. Now, a replacement resource, Bid 0011 has withdrawn from further consideration in Proceeding 21A-0141E.

6. Bid 0011 withdrawal coupled with withdrawal of Bids 1125 and 0149, a solar and solar plus storage project, respectively, from the approved portfolio and the withdrawal of Bid 0986 from the backup pool has eliminated any other viable alternatives this time. There are

otherwise no available backup bids or other “off the shelf” options available to the Company to fill this regional reliability needs in a unique and highly constrained part of the system.

7. These two existing combustion turbines provide 27 MW of firm dispatchable capacity available to support local and regional reliability needs.

8. If granted extension of operational lives through 2030, Alamosa Units 1 and 2 will continue to be in service for the same general purposes they are used for currently, providing reliability need.

9. Public Service estimates that extension of operational life of these units will incur incremental capital cost of approximately \$1.7 million as well as incremental O&M cost of approximately \$2.5 million through 2030. Public Service has not identified any alternative generation resources that could be developed to meet near-term need at a comparable or lower cost.

10. With the unforeseen development difficulties awarded bidders have experienced over the past few years and the resulting inability to complete new generation projects, this has impacted on the expected retirement dates of the Alamosa Units 1 & 2. Though the Alamosa Units 1 & 2 do not provide much in actual energy generated, they do provide reliability for the Company’s system in a remote location of the state and there is no other viable alternative at this time.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. Public Service’s request to extend the operational lives of Alamosa Units 1 and 2 through 2030 is granted. This extension falls within the normal course of business criteria and no

Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is required to extend the operational lives of the existing Alamosa Units 1 and 2.

2. Public Service's request for waiver or variance from prior Electric Resource Plan forecasts, or any other Commission decision as necessary to extend Alamosa Units 1 & 2 to meet resource adequacy needs, is granted, to the extent necessary.

3. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file an Application for Rehearing, Reargument, or Reconsideration begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
November 5, 2025.**

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