

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0146E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1980 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO INCREASE THE TRANSMISSION COST ADJUSTMENT RIDER, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MAY 2, 2025.

**INTERIM DECISION GRANTING UNOPPOSED
JOINT MOTION TO VACATE HEARING
AND VACATING REMOTE HEARING**

Issued Date: September 3, 2025

I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. On April 1, 2025, Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service” filed Advice Letter No. 1980 - Electric to modify its Transmission Cost Adjustment (“TCA”) for the purpose of reconciling revenue collections with eligible spending associated with distribution system-related activities and investments in 2024. The revenue effect of this TCA advice letter filing is a net increase in annual revenue of \$617,926 (to be recovered May 2, 2025 through December 31, 2025), compared to the rates currently in effect. Public Service filed Advice Letter No. 1980 with direct testimony of two witnesses.

2. On April 24, 2025, Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”) filed a protest to the Advice Letter asking the Commission to set the matter for hearing and suspend the effective date of the tariff sheets filed with the Advice Letter.

3. On May 1, 2025, the Commission issued Decision No. C25-0341 that set the matter for hearing, thereby suspending the tariff sheets filed with CNG's Advice Letter No. 1980 for 120 days through August 30, 2025, established an intervention period through May 30, 2025, and referred the proceeding to an Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ"). The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

4. On May 30, 2025, Staff filed a Notice of Intervention.

5. On June 9, 2025, the ALJ issued Decision No. R25-0445-I that acknowledged the Notice of Intervention, scheduled a remote prehearing conference for June 20, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., and required the parties to confer regarding a procedural schedule and for Public Service to file a report of conferral by noon on June 18, 2025.

6. On June 13, 2025, Public Service filed the Conferral Report in which it reported that the parties had agreed to a schedule including a remote evidentiary hearing on September 9, 2025.

7. On June 17, 2025, the ALJ issued Decision No. R25-0458-I that adopted the schedule proposed by the parties and scheduled the remote evidentiary hearing for September 9, 2025.

8. The parties filed their answer and rebuttal testimony on the deadlines set in Decision No. R25-0458-I.

9. On August 28, 2025, the parties filed an Unopposed Joint Motion to Vacate the Evidentiary Hearing and Request for Waiver of Response Time ("Unopposed Joint Motion").

B. Analysis

10. In the Unopposed Joint Motion, the parties state that: (a) "the only remaining disputed issue in this case is the appropriate interpretation of the statutory retail rate impact cap

under Colorado Senate Bill (‘SB’) 24-218 as applied to 2024 qualifying distribution costs recovered through the” Transmission Cost Adjustment – Distribution Cost;¹ and (b) that issue “can be efficiently and appropriately resolved on the papers based on the ALJ’s consideration of the prefiled testimony and attachments submitted in this proceeding and the parties’ respective statements of position to be filed on October 10, 2025.”² As the hearing will not provide any evidence relevant to the sole remaining disputed issue, the parties state that vacating the hearing will “promote the efficient use of Commission and party resources.”³ The parties thus request that the remote evidentiary hearing be vacated, and “stipulate to the admission of the premarked hearing exhibits.”⁴

11. The ALJ agrees that the remote evidentiary hearing is unnecessary to resolve the sole remaining disputed issue. Accordingly, the Unopposed Joint Motion will be granted.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Unopposed Joint Motion to Vacate the Evidentiary Hearing and Request for Waiver of Response Time filed on August 28, 2025 is granted.

2. The remote evidentiary hearing scheduled for September 9, 2025 is vacated.

¹ Unopposed Joint Motion at p. 2 (¶ 5).

² *Id.* at p. 2 (¶ 6).

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.* at 2 (¶ 5).

3. This Decision is effective on its Issued Date.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director