

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22A-0189E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR ITS FIRST DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN WHICH INCLUDES A MODEL NON-WIRES ALTERNATIVE SERVICES AGREEMENT AND A MODEL REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
HEARING COMMISSIONER MEGAN GILMAN
ADOPTING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE, SCHEDULING A
REMOTE EVIDENTIARY HEARING, EXTENDING TIME
FOR DECISION, AND VACATING PREHEARING
CONFERENCE.**

Adopted Date: August 10, 2022

1. On July 27, I issued a Decision asking the parties to confer and propose revised dates for an evidentiary hearing in this Proceeding as well as suggest whether the evidentiary hearing should be in person, hybrid, or remote. Public Service Company of Colorado, on behalf of the Parties to this Proceeding (and Black Hills Energy, participating as *amicus curiae*), filed the Joint Proposal on August 2. The Parties agree that the evidentiary hearing should be remote and propose two sets of dates for the hearing.

2. Given the Parties' unanimous preference, we will hold a remote evidentiary hearing in this proceeding.

3. After examining the Commission's calendar, I conclude that the second set of dates proposed, December 5-9, 2022, is preferable.

4. Therefore, I adopt the following schedule.

Procedural Schedule

<u>Event</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Supplemental Testimony	August 5, 2022
Answer Testimony	September 28, 2022
Rebuttal/ Cross-Answer Testimony	November 2, 2022
Settlement	November 22, 2022
Hearing	December 5–9, 2022
Statements of Position	January 7, 2023

5. Given that the procedural schedule proposed by the parties and adopted in this Decision extends beyond 120 days from the date this application was deemed complete, I find it necessary to extend the time for decision by an additional 130 days pursuant to § 40-6-109.5(1), C.R.S.

6. Closer to the date of the hearing I will issue another decision establishing hearing procedures.

7. Finally, having settled the outstanding procedural questions it is unnecessary to hold the prehearing conference set for August 12, 2022, at 10:00 a.m. **The remote prehearing conference is vacated.**

I. ORDER**A. It Is Ordered That:**

1. The procedural schedule outlined above is adopted in this Proceeding.
2. To accommodate the approved procedural schedule, I have extended the deadline for a decision by an additional 130 days, consistent with § 40-6-109.5(1), C.R.S.

3. A remote evidentiary hearing in this proceeding is scheduled as follows:

DATES: December 5–9, 2022

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day but Wednesday, December 7, when we will start at 1 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m.

WEBCAST: Commission Hearing Room A or B

METHOD: Join by video conference using Zoom at the link to be provided in an email from an Administrative Hearings Legal Assistant¹

¹ Additional information about the Zoom platform and how to use the platform are available at: <https://zoom.us/>. All are strongly encouraged to participate in a test meeting prior to the scheduled hearing. See <https://zoom.us/test>.

4. This Decision is effective immediately.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MEGAN M. GILMAN

Hearing Commissioner