

Decision No. C23-0317

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22D-0461E

IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED PETITION OF TRIAL STAFF OF THE COMMISSION FOR A DECLARATORY ORDER REGARDING PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO'S DELAY IN DEPLOYING ADVANCED METERS FOR NET-METERED CUSTOMERS.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
PUBLIC SERVICE'S APPLICATION FOR
REHEARING, REARGUMENT, OR RECONSIDERATION**

Mailed Date: May 12, 2023
Adopted Date: May 3, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On October 25, 2022, Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) filed a petition for a declaratory order asking the Commission to resolve an alleged uncertainty as to whether Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or the Company) should be permitted to delay installing advanced meters for customers who take service with net metering.

2. By Decision No. C23-0184, issued on March 15, 2023, the Commission declined to accept the petition for a declaratory order but nevertheless addressed the concerns raised by Staff through other means. For example, the Commission instructed Staff to closely monitor the roll out of the advanced meters to customers who net meter and to report back to the Commission regarding the Company's progress.

3. On April 4, 2023, Staff filed an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration of Decision No. C23-0184 (Staff RRR Application). Staff asks the Commission to modify Paragraph 23 and Ordering Paragraph 3 of Decision No. C23-0184 so that the Company, rather than Staff, must report every two months on the roll out of the advanced meters and the Company's communications to net metered customers regarding their transition to a time-of-use (TOU) rate configuration.

4. By Decision No. C23-0267, issued on April 25, 2023, the Commission granted the Staff RRR Application and set May 15, 2023 as the filing deadline for the first report.

5. On May 2, 2023, Public Service filed an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration of Decision No. C23-0267 (Company RRR Application)

6. By this Decision, we grant the Company RRR Application.

B. Public Service's RRR Application

7. In the Company RRR Application, Public Service requests that the Commission reconsider the May 15, 2023 due date for the bimonthly report required by Decision No. C23-0267 and clarify that the first bimonthly be permitted to be filed as part of the semiannual the Advanced Grid Intelligence and Security (AGIS) report due by May 31, 2023. Public Service also states that the Company plans to file with the Commission a number of other items on May 15, 2023, including at least two new proceedings.

8. Public Service further asks the Commission to set a specific schedule for the reports: May 31, 2023; July 31, 2023; October 31, 2023; December 31, 2023; February 28, 2024; and April 15, 2024.

9. Public Service states in the Company RRR Application that Staff agrees with the Company's proposals and that its requests are unopposed.

C. Findings and Conclusions

10. We find good cause to grant the Company RRR Application.

11. Public Service shall file reports on the following dates: May 31, 2023; July 31, 2023; October 31, 2023; December 31, 2023; February 28, 2024; and April 15, 2024.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Application for Rehearing, Reargument, or Reconsideration of Decision No. C23-0184 filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on May 2, 2023, is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration, begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' DELIBERATIONS MEETING
May 3, 2023.**

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