

Decision No. C23-0690-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 MODIFYING START
TIME OF PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING AND
ADOPTING AGENDA**

Mailed Date: October 13, 2023
Adopted Date: October 11, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On May 18, 2023, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed its Initial 2023-2028 Gas Infrastructure Plan (Initial GIP). Public Service made the filing consistent with provisions in the Commission's Rules Regulating Gas Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-4-4550 to 4555 (Gas Infrastructure Planning Rules), that require the filing of gas infrastructure plans (GIPs) as part of the Commission's updated regulatory framework for gas utilities, adopted through Proceeding No. 21R-0449G (the Gas Rulemaking).

2. Through Decision No. C23-0654-I, the Commission scheduled a public comment hearing on October 19 and 20, 2023, in accordance with Rule 4552(b)(III), and provided information on how to participate in the public comment hearing.

3. By this Decision, we modify the start time and adopt an agenda for the public comment hearing. The public comment hearing scheduled for October 19, 2023, shall begin at 10:00 a.m. On October 20, 2023, the start time remains 9:00 a.m.

4. During the public comment hearings, the public will be encouraged to provide comments in the beginning 30 minutes and last 30 minutes of each scheduled day. Additional opportunities for public comment will be provided as necessary based on when members of the public join the Zoom meeting. The remainder of the public comment hearing will consist of discussion between the Commissioners and the Company and other parties, as directed by the Commission. We adopt the following schedule for the two days of public comment hearing, subject to revisions during the course of the hearing as needed:

Day 1 – October 19, 2023

Morning Topics:

Public Comments

Forecasting topics, including customer counts, design day, and local factors

Company investment subject to GIP review, including the dollar value threshold for planned projects, project planning timelines and stages, and project categories

Afternoon Topics:

Non-Pipeline Alternatives (NPA) and Analysis – Discussion of which projects should receive NPA

NPA – discussion of cost/benefit analysis, including social cost of emissions and gas and electric system upgrades

Public Comments

Day 2 – October 20, 2023

Morning Topics:

Public Comments

NPA – Capacity Expansion and detailed review of three projects: Pearl Street, F-3 Reinforcement, and the Mountain Project

Afternoon Topics:

Mapping Requirements

Capital Budgeting Process

Hydrogen Demonstration Project

DI/IQ Considerations

Public Comments

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The schedule for the remote Public Comment Hearing is modified as follows:

DATES: October 19 and 20, 2023

TIME: October 19, 2023: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 20, 2023: 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: By video conference: using the Zoom web conferencing platform at a link in the calendar of events on the Commission's website, available at <https://puc.colorado.gov/puccalendar>.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 11, 2023.**

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