

Decision No. C23-0057-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22A-0315EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS COMBINED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

**COMMISSION INTERIM DECISION SCHEDULING
PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

Mailed Date: January 25, 2023
Adopted Date: January 25, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. In Decision C22-00699-I, the Commission scheduled two public comment hearings on January 18, 2023, on the Application requesting Commission approval of Public Service Company of Colorado's (Public Service or Company) 2023 Electric and Natural Gas Demand-Side Management (DSM) and Beneficial Electrification (BE) Plan (2023 DSM & BE Plan or Plan), filed on July 1, 2022.

2. Due to inclement weather, State offices were closed on January 18, 2023, and the two public comment hearings were postponed.

3. By this Decision, the Commission reschedules the two public comment hearings, and will hold on remote-only hearing on February 1, 2023.

B. Discussion

4. On July 1, 2022, Public Service filed its Application and Direct Testimony requesting Commission approval of the Company's 2023 Electric and Natural Gas Demand-Side Management (DSM) and Beneficial Electrification (BE) Plan (2023 DSM & BE Plan or Plan). Public Service states, while the Company first introduced its existing BE offerings as part of its 2021-22 DSM Plan, this filing is the Company's first DSM Plan to incorporate the new BE Plan elements required by Senate Bill 21-246, effective September 7, 2021.

5. We note that Senate Bill 21-272 (SB-272) recognized that certain Colorado communities have historically been forced to bear a disproportionate burden of adverse human health and environmental effects. SB 21-272 also identifies "lack of public participation" as a factor that impacts the health and environment of a community¹.

6. Given the importance of this Proceeding on retail customer programs, and in anticipation of the evidentiary hearing beginning on February 15, 2023, we find it appropriate to schedule a remote public comment hearing. Due to the press of business, the Commission finds it necessary to reschedule the public comment hearings as a single remote only hearing. The remote public comment hearing will take place on February 1, 2023. The remote public comment hearing will run from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., or until concluded by the Commission. The February 1, 2023 hearing will be held using the web-hosted video conferencing service, Zoom. Members of the public cannot attend the remote public comment hearing in-person.

7. Additional information about participation in the public comment hearing, such as sign-up sheets, and all relevant information on how to log on to the remote public comment hearing

¹ Interested persons may participate in the Commission's pre-rulemaking process regarding Senate Bill 21-272 implementation. Visit puc.colorado.gov/equity for more information.

will be made available on the Commission's public calendar at <https://puc.colorado.gov/pucalendar> closer to the hearing dates.

8. The public comment hearing will be transcribed live by a court reporter to create a written record of the comments received. Commenters should give their full name, and spell it, before they give their comments. In general, commenters will be called to speak in the order in which they sign up. The presiding officer may adopt procedures and time limits for comments as necessary to ensure that all members of the public have opportunity to comment, and the transcribed record is clear and understandable. Typical time limits range from one to three minutes for each commenter. To ensure the hearing time is used efficiently, commenters are requested to avoid repetitive comments that re-state filed written comments or repeat oral comments already provided at hearing. As discussed below, written public comment can be filed at any time in the proceeding and will be afforded the same weight as oral comments. Finally, the purpose of a public comment hearing is to provide opportunity for members of the public to provide oral comments. To that end, parties to the Proceeding and their representatives are not permitted to present comments. Individuals may present comments on their own behalf.

9. The Commission will publicize the public comment hearings by press release, announce them on its public calendar, and make them known by other avenues to the extent resources are available.

10. The remote public comment hearing will both be webcast on the Commission's website. This means that those persons wishing to observe but not participate in the public comment hearings may do so by watching the webcast. To observe a public comment hearing, enter this link in the web browser <https://puc.colorado.gov/webcasts> and select the audio or video option for Hearing Room B. The Commission encourages interested persons who do not wish to

provide comments at the remote public comment hearing to observe it through the webcast rather than Zoom. Doing so will help minimize background noise during the hearing and may assist in the orderly progression of the hearing.

11. We remind the public that participating in the public comment hearings is not the only way to provide comments in this Proceeding. We encourage interested persons to provide written or oral public comments at any time this Proceeding is open. Public comments can be provided by:

- Submitting written comments through the Commission’s Electronic Filing System (E-Filings) at: <https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI.homepage>.
- Submitting written comments using the Commission’s online form or through email at dora_puc_website@state.co.us. These comments will be posted in E-Filings for this Proceeding.
- Mailing comments to the Commission’s offices at: Colorado Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202.
- Calling (303) 869-3490 to leave oral comments (English and Spanish options). Please include “Proceeding No. 22A-0315EG” in public comments.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. In accordance with the above, a remote public comment hearing is scheduled follows:

DATE: February 1, 2023
 TIME: 4:00 p.m. through 5:30 p.m., or until concluded by the Commission
 PLACE: By video conference using Zoom

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
January 25, 2023.**

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Interim Director