

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23M-0234G

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION 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 SCHEDULING
PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS**

Mailed Date: September 28, 2023

Adopted Date: September 20, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

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. By this Decision, in accordance with Rule 4552(b)(III), the Commission schedules public comment hearings for October 19 and 20, 2023, subject to any changes set forth in future decision.

3. At the September 20, 2023 Commissioners Weekly Meeting, we also requested that Parties comment on whether the information filed under seal as part of Public Service's Response

to Decision No. C23-0566-I was appropriately labeled as confidential. On September 22, 2023, the Company filed a revised version that released the information previously filed under seal and labeled none of the information confidential. Therefore, Party comment on this issue is no longer necessary.

B. Public Comment Hearings

4. Rule 4552(b)(III) contemplates that an initial GIP filing proceeding will include one or more public comment hearings. The Commission will hold public comment hearings in this proceeding on October 19 and 20, 2023, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on both days, subject to any changes made by future decision. We anticipate that a detailed agenda for the public comment hearings will be issued following additional discussion at the Commissioners Weekly Meeting on October 4, 2023, or October 11, 2023.

5. The public comment hearings will be held using the web-based video conferencing Zoom platform. Members of the public cannot attend the remote public comment hearings in-person.

6. Additional information about participation in the public comment hearings, such as relevant information on how to log on to the remote public comment hearings will be made available on the Commission's public calendar at <https://puc.colorado.gov/pucalendar>.

7. Consistent with Commission practice, the public comment hearings will be webcast on the Commission's website. Persons wishing to observe, but not participate in the hearings may do so by observing the webcast of the hearing and need not join the hearing by telephone or videoconference. To observe the hearing by webcast, enter this link in the web browser at puc.colorado.gov/webcasts and select the audio or video option for assigned hearing room on the

date and time of the hearing. Interested persons who do not wish to provide comments during the hearing are encouraged to observe the hearing through the webcast because this will help minimize background noise during the hearing and may assist in the orderly progression of the hearing.

8. Participating in the public comment hearing 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. Please include “Proceeding No. 23M-0234G” in public comments. 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).

9. Finally, the Commission strives to accommodate all members of the public at its hearings and meetings by providing services for foreign language users and persons with disabilities upon receipt of a reasonable accommodation request. Requests for such accommodations should be made at least one week prior to the event by completing the Language Access Form. Requests can also be made directly by contacting Holly Bise at (303) 894-2024 or by emailing holly.bise@state.co.us.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Remote Public Comment Hearings are scheduled as follows, subject to any changes made by future decision:

DATES: October 19 and 20, 2023

TIME: 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/pucalendar>.

2. Interested persons who do not wish to provide comments but wish to observe the remote public comment hearing are encouraged to enter this link into a web browser and select the audio or video option for Hearing Room A: <https://puc.colorado.gov/webcasts>. Additional information about participation in the public comment hearing, such as sign-up sheets, may be made available on the Commission’s public calendar at <https://puc.colorado.gov/pucalendar> as the hearing date approaches.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS’ WEEKLY MEETING
September 20, 2023.**

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