

Decision No. C23-0728-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23A-0518E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR AN ORDER APPROVING CERTAIN UPDATED COMPONENTS USED TO CALCULATE THE ELECTRIC COMMODITY ADJUSTMENT.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
REQUEST FOR SHORTENED NOTICE, AND
PROCEDURAL DEADLINES, AND REQUIRING
ADDITIONAL ELECTRONIC SERVICE OF THE
APPLICATION**

Mailed Date: October 26, 2023
Adopted Date: October 25, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On October 20, 2023, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed an application for approval of updated components related to the calculation of its Electric Commodity Adjustment (ECA). This Decision grants the Company's request for a shortened notice and intervention period and a shortened response time for the application.

2. Requests for intervention shall be due on **October 30, 2023**. The deadline for filing a substantive response to Public Service's application shall be **November 10, 2023**.

3. The Commission further directs Public Service to serve the application electronically on all parties to the Company's two most recent electric rate cases, Proceeding Nos. 22AL-0530E and 23AL-0234E, in the event such service has not already been accomplished.

B. Discussion

4. Public Service requests approval of the annual updates of the following components: (a) Projected Jurisdictional Allocation Factor; (b) Projected Sales; (c) On/Off Peak Price Ratio; and (d) Class-Specific On-Peak Ratios. Because these components will be used to calculate the ECA in 2024, Public Service requests a decision approving or modifying these ECA factors prior to its next filing, which will occur on or before November 30, 2023.

5. Consistent with long-standing practice, Public Service requests a shortened intervention period and an expedited deadline for the filing of any substantive responses to the application. These deadlines are intended to accommodate a Commission decision on the application no later than November 23, 2023.

6. In support of its request for expedited procedures, Public Service explains that it is serving the application electronically on all parties who participated in the Company's 2020 Phase II Electric Rate Case, in Proceeding No. 20AL-0432E, and the 2021 Phase I Electric Rate Case, in Proceeding No. 21AL-0317E. Public Service's most recent proceeding broadly addressing the ECA, and the proceeding that most recently addressed the timing of the quarterly ECA filings.

C. Conclusion and Findings

7. The application is available for public inspection by accessing the Commission's E-Filing system at puc.colorado.gov. **This Decision is the notice that the application for Approval of Updated Components Related to the Calculation of the Electric Commodity Adjustment has been filed.**

8. The Commission finds good cause to grant Public Service’s request for a shortened Commission notice and intervention period. Requests for intervention, including a notice of intervention by right, shall be due on **October 30, 2023**.

9. To accommodate the anticipated accelerated procedural schedule, we shorten the deadline for filing responses to interventions to **November 10, 2023**.

10. We put all potential intervenors and interested persons on notice that, to accommodate the Commission’s expedited consideration of this matter, the deadline for filing a substantive response to Public Service’s application shall be **November 10, 2023**. This filing deadline must be met even if the Commission has not ruled on the requests to intervene as of that date. Potential parties are further put on notice that the Commission intends to rule on the merits of the application at a weekly meeting no later than November 23, 2023.

11. Finally, proper notice of this expedited matter requires Public Service to serve the application electronically on all parties to the Company’s two most recent electric rate cases, in Proceeding Nos. 22AL-0530E and 23AL-0234E; in the event such service has not already been accomplished through the electronic service of the application to the parties in Proceeding Nos. 20AL-0432E and 21AL-0317E.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The request of Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) to shorten the notice and intervention period for its Application for Approval of Updated Electric

Commodity Adjustment Components (Application) is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. Any person desiring to intervene or participate as a party in this proceeding, including Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, shall file a petition for leave to intervene, or under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, file other appropriate pleadings to become a party, by **October 30, 2023**. Alternatively, persons who do not wish to intervene or become a party, but desire to file comments, may send written comments through the Commission's comment portal at <https://puc.colorado.gov/puccomments>. All persons who file an objection, notice of intervention as of right, motion to permissively intervene, or any other appropriate pleading shall do so in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure and this Decision.

3. The deadline for filing a substantive response to Public Service's Application shall be **November 10, 2023**. This filing deadline must be met even if the Commission has not ruled on the petitions to intervene as of that date.

4. The Commission may consider the Application without a hearing if no notice of intervention as of right or motion to permissively intervene is timely filed, or no notice of intervention as of right or motion to permissively intervene requests a hearing or contests or opposes the Application.

5. If a hearing is required in this matter, the Commission will notify the parties of the hearing date, time, and location. Public Service must appear at the hearing if one is set, and present evidence in support of its Application. Other parties may appear and present evidence in support of their position.

6. If a party does not meet the requirements of this Decision, the Commission may dismiss or strike the Application or intervention upon motion filed by any other party, or upon the Commission’s own motion, unless good cause for failure to meet the requirements is shown.

7. Public Service shall serve the Application electronically on all parties to Proceeding Nos. 22AL-0530E and 23AL-0234E, consistent with the discussion above.

8. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS’ WEEKLY MEETING
October 25, 2023.**

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