

Decision No. R23-0669-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23M-0464EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S IMPLEMENTATION OF ASPECTS OF SENATE BILL 23-291 INCLUDING ITS CONSIDERATION OF CUSTOMER CONNECTIONS TO AND DISCONNECTIONS FROM INVESTOR-OWNED ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITY SYSTEMS AND THE STUDY OF POTENTIAL BARRIERS TO BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION AND DISTRIBUTED ENERGY RESOURCES.

**INTERIM DECISION OF HEARING COMMISSIONER
MEGAN M. GILMAN
GRANTING MOTION FOR ADDITIONAL TIME TO
PROVIDE RESPONSES TO INITIAL QUESTIONS**

Mailed Date: October 4, 2023

I. STATEMENT, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

1. By Decision No. C23-0627, issued on September 18, 2023, the Commission opened this Proceeding to implement certain provisions in Senate Bill 23-291 related to customer connections to and disconnections from investor-owned electric and gas utility systems and designated Commissioner Megan M. Gilman as Hearing Commissioner pursuant to § 40-6-101(2), C.R.S. By Decision No. R23-0636-I, issued September 20, 2023, the Hearing Commissioner set forth initial questions for answers from Colorado's two investor-owned electric utilities, namely Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) and Black Hills Colorado Electric, Inc. (Black Hills).

2. On September 27, 2023, Public Service and Black Hills filed a joint motion requesting the Commission grant the two utilities additional time to provide responses to the

questions set forth in Decision No. R23-0636-I. Specifically, they request a one-week extension from the prior deadline of October 6, 2023, to October 13, 2023, to respond to the questions.

3. In support, Public Service and Black Hills state they are both actively working to provide the Commission with the requested information. They explain, in this effort, both utilities have determined that the involvement and coordination among multiple departments is required in order to provide complete and thorough responses. They state such collaboration and coordination have proven to be time and resource intensive.

4. The Hearing Commissioner finds good cause to grant the requested one-week extension. The new deadline for responses to the questions set forth in Decision No. R23-0636-I is **October 13, 2023**.

5. In order to take up this motion expeditiously and provide timely relief, the Commission waives remaining response time to the motion.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Joint Motion to Request Additional Time to Provide Responses to Attachment A – Initial Questions For Investor-Owned Electric Utilities For Study Pursuant to § 40-3.2-104.6, C.R.S., filed on September 27, 2023, by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) and Black Hills Colorado Electric, Inc. (Black Hills), is granted.

2. Response time to the motion is waived.

3. Consistent with the discussion above, Public Service and Black Hills shall file responses to the questions included in Attachment A to Decision No. R23-0636-I no later than October 13, 2023.

4. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MEGAN M. GILMAN

Hearing Commissioner

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director