

Decision No. R23-0794-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23M-0466EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF THIRD-PARTY PROVISION OF GAS DEMAND RESPONSE SERVICES, VIRTUAL POWER PLANTS, AND NEIGHBORHOOD ELECTRIFICATION IN PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO'S ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS SERVICE AREAS PURSUANT TO DECISION NO. C23-0413.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
HEARING COMMISSIONER TOM PLANT
ESTABLISHING COMMENT DEADLINE**

Mailed Date: November 29, 2023

I. STATEMENT

1. By Decision No. C23-0628, issued on September 18, 2023, the Commission opened this Proceeding to explore third-party implementation of certain pilot programs in the electric and natural gas service areas of Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) in accordance with Decision C23-0413.¹

2. By Decision No. R23-0637-I, Hearing Commissioner Tom Plant issued an initial set of questions to Public Service and other interested persons regarding the development and implementation of requests for proposals (RFPs) for third-party implementation of three pilot programs: (1) virtual power plants (VPPs); (2) natural gas demand response; and (3) neighborhood electrification. That decision also indicated that a second workshop with Public Service and other

¹ Decision No. C23-0413, issued on June 22, 2023, Proceeding No. 22A-0309EG.

interested persons would be scheduled following the submission of responses to follow-up questions issued after an initial workshop held on October 11, 2023.

3. By Decision No. R23-0747-I, Hearing Commissioner Tom Plant scheduled a second workshop which was held on November 21, 2023.

4. On November 21, 2023, Hearing Commissioner Tom Plant held a workshop attended by Public Service and numerous other participants active in this Proceeding.

II. DISCUSSION, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

5. As explained in Decision No. R23-0747-I, a second workshop was held that focused on four items as highlighted in Decision No. R23-0719-I: (1) identifying the core objectives and timelines for the three pilots; (2) setting the main technical, cost, and time parameters for the RFPs; (3) establishing milestones for the RFPs; and (4) setting operational and reporting milestones for the pilots.

6. During this workshop, Hearing Commissioner Tom Plant ordered that follow-up comments should be filed no later than November 30, 2023 in this Proceeding to ensure that they are fully considered by Hearing Commissioner Tom Plant. To facilitate issuing a recommended decision in late December 2023, it is necessary to receive any final or follow-up comments as soon as possible.

7. This Decision memorializes the deadline established by Hearing Commissioner Tom Plant at the November 21, 2023 workshop requesting final comments no later than November 30, 2023.

III. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Consistent with the discussion above and at the November 21, 2023 workshop, final comments are requested no later than November 30, 2023.
2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

TOM PLANT

Hearing Commissioner

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Rebecca E. White,
Director