

Decision No. C24-0375

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22A-0309EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF A NUMBER OF STRATEGIC ISSUES RELATING TO ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT AND BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION PLAN.

COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING MOTION

Mailed Date: June 4, 2024
Adopted Date: May 29, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. Through Decision No. C23-0413, the Commission addressed the application of Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or the Company) requesting Commission approval of proposals for dealing with strategic issues related to the Company’s plans for Demand Side Management and Beneficial Electrification (BE).

2. Paragraph 231 of Decision No. C23-0413 addressed the Company’s Energy Star New Homes (ESNH) program. The Commission stated that the ESNH program should fully encourage BE technologies as soon as reasonably possible because new construction represents the “low hanging fruit” for electrification and because incentivizing programs with gas-fired space or water heating equipment in new construction makes later electrification more expensive. However, the Commission recognized that there may be housing developments underway that reasonably expected to participate in the ESNH program, and that a one-year phase-out is

appropriate. The Commission thus required that the ESNH program support only all-electric housing by June 30, 2024.

3. On May 10, 2024, the City of Boulder and Public Service filed an unopposed motion requesting a limited exception to the all-electric requirement for certain customers that are rebuilding their homes that were lost due to the Marshall Fire (Joint Motion). The Joint Motion explains that many homeowners are continuing to work through the insurance claim and design and construction process, and such homeowners are not likely to complete the residential building permit process and, thus, have eligibility to participate in ESNH by June 30, 2024. The Joint Motion asks the Commission to allow Public Service to offer continued participation in ESNH for efficient mixed fuel homes to Marshall Fire-impacted customers through June 30, 2025.

4. We find good cause to grant the Joint Motion. We agree that it is reasonable to support customers recovering from the Marshall Fire with a limited extension for mixed-fuel eligibility in the ESNH program.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The motion filed on May 10, 2024 jointly by the City of Boulder and Public Service Company of Colorado is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration, begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
May 29, 2024.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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Rebecca E. White,
Director

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