

Decision No. R24-0433-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23A-0585E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC. FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2023 ELECTRIC RESOURCE PLAN.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
AVIV SEGEV
NOTICING THE LOCATION OF IN-PERSON PUBLIC
COMMENT HEARING AND PROVIDING INSTRUCTIONS
ON PARTICIPATING IN, AND OBSERVING, REMOTE
PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

Issued Date: June 21, 2024

I. STATEMENT

A. Procedural Background

1. On December 1, 2023, Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. filed an Application for Approval of its 2023 Electric Resource Plan (Application). Filing of the Application commenced this Proceeding.

2. By Decision No. R24-0080-I, issued February 6, 2024, the undersigned Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), among other things, granted Moffat County's and the City of Craig, Colorado's (together, Moffat/Craig) motions to permissively intervene in this Proceeding.

3. On April 3, 2024, Moffat/Craig filed the Unopposed Motion of Moffat County and the City of Craig Requesting the Scheduling of a Public Comment Hearing (Motion Requesting Public Comment Hearing).

4. By Decision No. R24-0319-I, issued May 9, 2024, the undersigned ALJ granted the Motion Requesting Public Comment Hearing, scheduled an in-person Public Comment Hearing in Craig for July 9, 2024 from: 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (with an exact location to be noticed in a future decision), and scheduled a virtual public comment hearing for July 11, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

B. Participating in the In-Person Public Comment Hearing

5. As stated in Decision No. R24-0319-I, the July 9, 2024, public comment hearing was scheduled. By this decision, the scheduled time will be extended. The hearing will be conducted in-person in Craig, Colorado, as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, July 9, 2024.

TIME: 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Please note that the hearing will conclude upon completion of public comments, but no earlier than 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Moffat County High School Auditorium
900 Finley Lane
Craig, CO 81625

6. Members of the public who wish to attend and submit a public comment are requested to register through the link provided here:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdIKQgiI0Q7RIFz19BDwqXd9Qu4D2EqahRmzNav6fYww6t18g/viewform>

7. While registration is not required to provide a public comment at an in-person public comment hearing, pre-registration is requested to better conduct the hearing, plan for expected participation levels, and allow notification to those registered in the event of a change in venue or other appropriate logistics.

8. For questions about the in-person public comment hearing, please contact Katie O'Donnell, Director of Communications and Public Engagement for the Department of Regulatory Agencies (katie.odonnell@state.co.us).

C. Participating in the Virtual Public Comment Hearing

9. The July 11, 2024, public comment hearing will be conducted virtually using the Zoom videoconferencing service, as follows:

DATE: Thursday, July 11, 2024

TIME: 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Please note that the hearing will conclude upon completion of public comments, but no earlier than 5:30 p.m.

PLACE: By video conference using Zoom, with a link to be provided to participants after registration.

10. Members of the public who wish to attend and submit a public comment are **required** to register through the link provided here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZUtf-yhrj4rHt1_MUJixR2B5kbVDTmSZcDB#/registration

11. For questions about the virtual public comment hearing, please contact Katie O'Donnell, Director of Communications and Public Engagement for the Department of Regulatory Agencies (katie.odonnell@state.co.us).

12. To ensure a clear record and orderly hearing progression, interested persons are strongly encouraged to participate in the virtual public comment hearing by videoconference. Nevertheless, interested persons have the option to participate by telephone only without video.

13. During the virtual public comment hearing, the ALJ will take action as necessary to facilitate a clear and understandable record, and to ensure the orderly progress of the hearing. For the same reasons, all participants are requested to: (a) mute their microphone during the hearing until called upon by the ALJ; (b) ensure they are participating from a location with minimal or no background noise; (c) not connect to the hearing using multiple devices located in the same room (which causes audio feedback); and (d) input their full name into Zoom when prompted to do so. Participants are encouraged to use a headset to listen to the hearing, as this may also help avoid background noise and feedback when they speak. Participants are encouraged to use a computer, smart phone, or tablet that is connected to the internet and has an operational microphone, speaker, and camera.

14. Attachment A to this Decision provides step-by-step technical instructions and requirements to participate by videoconference using a computer. This is intended to ensure that the remote hearing proceeds efficiently. Hence, it is important that videoconference participants carefully review and follow all requirements in this Decision and Attachment A.

15. Consistent with Commission practice, the virtual public comment hearing on July 11, 2024, will be webcasted on the Commission's YouTube channel. Persons wishing to observe, but not participate in the hearing may do so by observing the webcast of the rulemaking hearing and need not join the hearing by telephone or videoconference. To observe the hearing by webcast, you may enter the following link in the web browser:

<https://www.youtube.com/@COPublicUtilitiesCommission/featured>

This link connects to the Commission's YouTube webpage, where interested persons may observe live and recorded hearings.

D. Requesting Accommodations for Public Comment Hearings

16. The Commission strives to accommodate all members of the public at its hearings by providing services for foreign language users and persons with disabilities upon receipt of a reasonable accommodation request. Interested persons requesting an accommodation for the public comment hearing should complete the [Language Access Form](#) at least one week prior to the hearing. The Language Access Form can also be found at <https://puc.colorado.gov/how-to-participate>. Requests for accommodation can also be made directly by contacting Holly Bise at 303-894-2024, or holly.bise@state.co.us.

E. Additional Opportunities to Submit Public Comments

17. Interested persons may provide written or oral comments. Although the Commission prefers written comments over oral comments, they are given the same weight.

18. Interested persons are encouraged to submit written comments through either:

- a. Using the Commission's Electronic Filing System at <https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI.homepage>;
- b. Submitting a comment via online form on the Commission's website at <https://puc.colorado.gov/> by clicking on the "FILE A COMMENT OR COMPLAINT" link;
- c. Mailing comments to the Commission's offices at: Colorado Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202; or
- d. Leaving a voicemail at 303-869-3490 (English and Spanish options).

Please reference this Proceeding ("No. 23A-0585E") when submitting a comment.

II. ORDER**A. It is Ordered That:**

1. An **in-person** public comment hearing session on the above-captioned Application is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Tuesday, July 9, 2024

TIME: 3:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Please note that the hearing will conclude upon completion of public comments, but no earlier than 6:00 p.m.

PLACE: Moffat County High School Auditorium
900 Finley Lane
Craig, CO 81625

2. A **virtual** public comment hearing on the above-captioned Application is scheduled as follows:

DATE: Thursday, July 11, 2024

TIME: 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

Please note that the hearing will conclude upon completion of public comments, but no earlier than 6:30 p.m.

PLACE: By video conference using Zoom, with a link to be provided to participants after registration.

3. Persons interested in providing public comments at either the in-person or virtual public comment hearings can find information and links to register on the Commission's public calendar:

<https://puc.Colorado.gov/puccalendar>

4. All participants in the virtual public comment hearing are requested to follow the information provided in Attachment A.

5. Those wishing to observe but not participate in the virtual public comment hearings may do so by observing the Commission’s webcast for the assigned hearing room at:

<https://www.youtube.com/@COPublicUtilitiesCommission/featured>

6. Members of the public who wish to provide written or oral comments outside of the public comment hearings scheduled for July 9, 2024, and July 11, 2024, may do so by following the instructions provided above.

7. This Decision is effective immediately.

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Administrative Law Judge

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Rebecca E. White,
Director