

Decision No. R24-0313-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23N-0135GPS

IN THE MATTER OF THE NOTICE OF PROBABLE VIOLATION ISSUED TO COLORADO
NATURAL GAS ON MARCH 20, 2023.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
G. HARRIS ADAMS
REQUIRING PARTIES TO CONFER
AND STAFF TO FILE QUARTERLY REPORTS**

Mailed Date: May 7, 2024

I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. On March 20, 2023, the Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) initiated this matter by issuing its Notice of Probable Violation (NPV) to Colorado Natural Gas, Inc. (CNG).

2. On March 21, 2023, Staff filed its Entry of Appearance.

3. On April 19, 2023, CNG filed its Response Letter to the NPV with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission), stating that CNG and Staff had begun discussions and both parties were open to settling the NPV without a hearing. CNG also stated that both parties intended to continue meeting to resolve the NPV.

4. On March 20, 2024, the Commission referred this proceeding to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) by minute entry.

5. In order to keep the Commission informed, Staff will be ordered to file status reports as to progress in resolving the violations identified in the Notice of Probable Violation and expectations regarding the filing of evidence of resolution and a motion to dismiss (or otherwise

dispose of the proceeding). Thus, Staff shall confer with CNG and file quarterly status reports until evidence of resolution and a motion to dismiss (or otherwise dispose of the proceeding) is filed, commencing in three months.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) shall confer with Colorado Natural Gas, Inc. (CNG) quarterly and file quarterly reports, commencing on August 1, 2024, informing the Commission as to progress toward filing evidence of resolution and a motion to dismiss (or otherwise dispose of the proceeding), expectations regarding the filing of evidence of resolution and a motion to dismiss (or otherwise dispose of the proceeding), and whether any party believes it necessary to establish a new procedural schedule.

2. Staff shall file a status report of each quarterly conferral identified above on or before August 1, 2024, November 1, 2024, February 1, 2025, etc., or until evidence of resolution and a motion to dismiss (or otherwise dispose of the proceeding) is filed.

3. This Decision is effective immediately.

(SEAL)



THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

G. HARRIS ADAMS

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Rebecca E. White,
Director