

Decision No. C25-0147-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0442E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2024 JUST TRANSITION SOLICITATION.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
UNOPPOSED MOTION TO MODIFY
DECISION NO. C25-0097-I AND REQUEST
FOR WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME**

Issued Date: February 28, 2025

Adopted Date: February 26, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. Through this Decision, we grant the Unopposed Motion to Modify Decision No. C25-0097-I and Request for Waiver of Response Time (“Unopposed Motion”) that Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service” or the “Company”) filed on February 18, 2025. The technical conference currently scheduled for March 20, 2025, is rescheduled to March 13, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

B. Discussion

2. In Decision No. C25-0097-I,¹ we scheduled a technical conference on March 20, 2025, and directed Public Service to be prepared to address certain models and forecasts the Company has put forth both in this 2024 Just Transition Solicitation (“JTS”) Proceeding as well as in Proceeding No. 24A-0547E, which is the Company’s 2025-2029 Distribution System Plan (“DSP”). The intent of the technical conference is to allow the Commission and parties to

¹ Issued February 13, 2025.

have more transparency regarding certain critical forecasts and models underlying filings made in the Commission's records through both the JTS and DSP Proceedings.

3. Although Decision No. C25-0097-I notes the agenda for the technical conference may be further refined, the Commission specifically directed Public Service to make available for questioning the Company officials, including Mr. Goodenough and Mr. Bailey, who are able to discuss the models and forecasts regarding the adoption rates and load shapes for electric vehicles ("EVs"), beneficial electrification ("BE"), and other large forecasted loads such as data centers. We also directed the Company to be prepared to demonstrate the 8760 process used to develop the peak forecast, including the underlying load shapes (*e.g.*, EVs, BE, and data centers).²

4. In the Unopposed Motion, Public Service requests the Commission change the date of the technical conference from March 20, 2025, to March 13, 2025. Public Service states the current scope of the technical conference requires multiple subject matter experts in either direct or supporting roles. The Company states, however, that March 20, 2025, falls within school breaks in the Denver Metro area and presents travel and availability issues with key subject matter experts. Holding the technical conference on March 20, 2025, is thus "very challenging for the Company."³

5. In the alternative, if the Commission cannot move the technical conference to March 13, 2025, the Company asks the Commission to provide specific time windows for topical areas during which specific subject matter experts need to participate on March 20, 2025. Public Service states this structured approach will help the Company be responsive to the

² In Decision No. C25-0097-I, we stated that if the Company's DSP Application is deemed complete prior to the technical conference, Public Service shall make available for questioning the Company officials, including Mr. Mino, who are able to discuss the LoadSEER tool and demonstrate how it generated the relevant forecasts in the DSP Proceeding. Similarly, we indicated interest in the residential customer rate analysis we directed Public Service to file in the DSP Proceeding and how it is impacted by the 8760 load shape projections.

³ Unopposed Motion, p. 1.

Commission's questions while working around pre-existing travel arrangements for key subject matter experts.⁴

6. Public Service states it conferred with the parties to this Proceeding and no party objected to the Company's requested relief. Accordingly, the Company asks the Commission to waive response time to the Unopposed Motion per Rule 1308(c).

7. The Commission finds good cause to grant the Unopposed Motion and reschedule the March 20, 2025 technical conference to March 13, 2025. As the Company notes, the full availability of the subject matter experts on March 13, 2025, helps ensure a more robust, flexible, and informative discussion. Except for the date of the technical conference, all of the directives set forth in Decision No. C25-0097-I regarding the scope and format of the technical conference remain the same.

8. The Commission currently has a public comment hearing in Proceeding No. 24A-0296E scheduled for the morning of March 13, 2025. Thus, the technical conference will start at 12:00 p.m. and run through 5:00 p.m. on March 13, 2025. To maximize the Commission's limited time on March 13, 2025, we emphasize that Public Service must be prepared to demonstrate the applicable models and answer Commissioner questions regarding the underlying forecasts and assumptions. The Commission is less interested in lengthy, Company-led presentations regarding the models and resulting forecasts.

9. Given that the Company's requested relief is unopposed, we waive the remaining response time.

⁴ Unopposed Motion, ¶ 5.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Unopposed Motion to Modify Decision No. C25-0097-I and Request for Waiver of Response Time (“Unopposed Motion”) that Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service”) filed on February 18, 2025, is granted, and the remaining response time to the Unopposed Motion is waived.

2. The remote technical conference currently scheduled for March 20, 2025, is rescheduled in this Proceeding as follows:

DATE: March 13, 2025

TIME: 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PLACE: Join by video conference using Zoom

3. Consistent with the discussion above and in Decision No. C25-0097-I, at the technical conference Public Service shall be prepared to address certain forecasts and assumptions and demonstrate applicable models.

4. This Decision is effective immediately upon its Issued Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
February 26, 2025.**

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