

Decision No. C25-0730-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22A-0563E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE CONVERSION OF PAWNEE GENERATING STATION FROM COAL OPERATIONS TO NATURAL GAS OPERATIONS.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING MOTION AND
WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME**

Issued Date: October 7, 2025
Adopted Date: October 1, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On December 20, 2022, Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service” or the “Company”) filed an Application for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Conversion of the Pawnee Generating Station from Coal Operations to Natural Gas Operations (“Application”).

2. By Decision No. C23-0130, issued on February 23, 2023, the Commission set the Application for hearing and established the parties to this proceeding.

3. By Decision C23-0375-I, issued on June 6, 2023, the Commission referred the matter to an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”).

4. On October 26, 2023, Public Service filed a Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Agreement.

5. By Decision No. R24-0194 (“Recommended Decision”), issued on March 29, 2024, ALJ Melody Mirbaba approved the Settlement Agreement with modifications and granted the Application as modified by the Settlement Agreement and the Recommended Decision.

6. The Recommended Decision become the decision of the Commission on April 18, 2024.

7. On August 29, 2025, Public Service filed with the Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Trial Staff”) an Unopposed Joint Motion for Partial and Temporary Variance of Paragraph 88 of Decision No. R24-0194 (“Waiver Motion”).

8. On September 10, 2025, by Decision No. C25-0659, the Commission granted the Waiver Motion.

9. On September 29, 2025, Public Service filed a second unopposed motion, this time requesting a partial and temporary variance of Paragraph 14 of Decision No. C25-0659 (“Second Motion”) with a request that we also waive response time.

10. This Decision grants the Second Motion.

B. Discussion

11. The Waiver Motion explained that in paragraph 88 of the Recommended Decision, the ALJ required the Company to file information explaining an updated calculation and methodology to develop a unit efficiency performance incentive mechanism (“Unit Efficiency PIM”) baseline, along with the resulting baseline and performance metric, no later than September 1, 2025.

12. The Waiver Motion sought a partial and temporary variance from paragraph 88 so that Public Service could file the Unit Efficiency PIM, and associated required information, on

September 30, 2025, instead of September 1, 2025. The Waiver Motion explained that the Company and Trial Staff had been engaged in productive discussions regarding the calculation of the Unit Efficiency PIM but needed additional time to reach consensus. The additional time was also needed for the Company and Trial Staff to confer with the Colorado Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (“UCA”) as required by paragraph 88 of the Recommended Decision.

13. The Second Motion explains that the Commission established the new filing deadline of September 30, 2025 in paragraph 14 of Decision No. C25-0659. The Second Motion goes on to explain that that while the Company and Trial Staff have continued to be engaged in productive discussions regarding the calculation of the Unit Efficiency PIM, additional time is needed to reach consensus and to confer with UCA. The Second Motion thus seeks to extend the filing date to October 31, 2025.

C. Findings and Conclusions

14. The Commission finds good cause to grant the Second Motion.

15. Public Service shall file information explaining an updated calculation and methodology to develop a Unit Efficiency PIM baseline, along with the resulting baseline and performance metric, no later than October 31, 2025.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Unopposed Motion for Partial and Temporary Variance of Paragraph 14 of Decision No. C25-0659 (“Second Motion”), is granted.

2. The remaining response time to the Second Motion is waived.

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

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 1, 2025.**

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Rebecca E. White,
Director

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