

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25R-0309G

IN THE MATTER OF THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE COMMISSION’S RULES REGULATING GAS UTILITIES, 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-4, ESTABLISHING MASS-BASED GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSION REDUCTION TARGETS FOR CLEAN HEAT PLANS PURSUANT TO SECTION 40-3.2-108(10), C.R.S.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION REQUESTING
COMMENTS BY OCTOBER 10, 2025**

Issued Date: October 8, 2025
Adopted Date: September 24, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. Through its Decision issued July 15, 2025, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (the “Commission”) issued its Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NOPR”) to amend Rules 4728 and 4732 of the Rules Regulating Gas Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (“CCR”) 723-4, in order to implement the legislative directive in § 40-3.2-108(10), C.R.S., for the Commission to determine mass-based greenhouse gas emission reduction targets for the year 2035 for gas utility clean heat plans submitted pursuant to § 40-3.2-108(4), C.R.S.

2. The Commission requested public comments by August 15, 2025, with initial written responses by September 12, 2025. The Commission further scheduled a rulemaking hearing on the proposed rules for September 18, 2025.

3. The Commission included in its NOPR that, through § 40-3.2-108(10), C.R.S., the legislature delegated to the Commission the task of determining the clean heat targets for the year

2025 and included that the statute currently sets a deadline of December 1, 2025, to set that specific target. The Commission, however, also included proposed rules and sought comments on establishing targets for future dates, including as directed through § 40-3.2-108(11), C.R.S. The Commission also noted that the statutes prescribe that, in setting such targets, the Commission shall: (1) ensure that gas utilities' greenhouse gas emissions will be in line with the residential, commercial, and industrial sectors' contribution to statewide greenhouse gas pollution and (2) determine whether recovered methane may be used to meet the mass-based greenhouse gas emission reduction targets that the Commission establishes.

4. The Commission proposed and sought comments on these broader targets and requirements, and established initial deadlines for Comments, in coordination with the rulemaking hearing date of September 18, 2025, in recognition of the deadline of no later than December 1, 2025, to establish the specific target for 2035.

5. Significant written comments were filed in this proceeding. In addition, the Commission held its rulemaking hearing as scheduled on September 18, 2025, but also indicated that further written comments would be encouraged and permitted, including comments further elaborating on oral discussion and further response to comments already filed.

6. Through this order we further encourage written comments from all interested persons to be filed in this proceeding and request written comments by October 10, 2025. This date allows us timely review of submitted comments in addition to the rulemaking hearing comments provided on September 18, 2025, such that we can timely address and meet statutory requirements with regard to setting a target specific to 2035 no later than December 1, 2025.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Commission invites comments from interested persons on the proposed amendments to Rules 4728 and 4732 of the Rules Regulating Gas Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-4, as discussed above, and encouraged any further comments be submitted by October 10, 2025.

2. Any person desiring to comment on the proposed rules may submit written comments. The Commission prefers that written comments be filed through its E-Filings system, which may be accessed at the following link:

https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI.Show_Docket?p_session_id=&p_docket_id=25R-0309G

Alternatively, written comments may be sent to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202, referencing this Proceeding No. 25R-0309G.

3. The Commission will equally consider all comments submitted, whether oral or written.

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

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2025.**

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