

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20V-0184E

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF A PARTIAL WAIVER FROM RULE 3304 REQUIRING ELECTRIC METER TESTING FOR METERS THAT WILL BE REPLACED WITHIN THE ADVANCED GRID INTELLIGENCE (AGIS) AND SECURITY INITIATIVE.

**COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING MOTION FOR
EXTENSION OF PARTIAL WAIVER**

Issued Date: October 29, 2025
Adopted Date: October 22, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On April 28, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service” or “the Company”) filed a petition seeking a partial waiver from Rule 3304(a) and (b) of the Rules Regulating Electric Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (“CCR”) 723-3 through 2024 (“Partial Waiver”).

2. On May 27, 2020, and June 4, 2020, the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (“UCA”) and Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”), respectively, filed timely notices of intervention of right. No other parties intervened.

3. On June 17, 2020, the Commission referred the matter to an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) by minute entry.

4. On August 5, 2020, the parties filed a Joint Notice of Resolution and Withdrawal of Interventions and Motion to Vacate Prehearing Conference stating the parties agree that the

Company's Partial Waiver satisfies the requirements of Rule 1003(c) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 CCR 723-1, to obtain the requested rule waivers. Through that notice, UCA and Staff withdrew their interventions, rendering the matter uncontested.

5. On August 6, 2020, by Decision No. R20-0575-I the ALJ acknowledged the withdrawal of interventions and that the Partial Waiver is uncontested.

6. On August 31, 2020, by Decision No. R20-0637 ("Recommended Decision"), the ALJ granted the Partial Waiver. On September 21, 2020, the Recommended Decision became a decision of the Commission pursuant to § 40-6-109(2), C.R.S.

7. On October 7, 2025, Public Service filed an Unopposed Motion for Extension of a Partial Waiver from Rule 3304 ("Motion") in which it requests the Commission grant a one-year extension of the Partial Waiver previously approved in the Recommended Decision. Public Service asserts a one-year extension of the Partial Waiver, which granted waiver of the requirement to test or arrange testing of service meters, as required by Rule 3304(a), 4 CCR 723-3, as well as a partial waiver of the requirement to file an application for approval of a sampling program, as required by Rule 3304(b), 4 CCR 723-3, would allow the Company to substantially complete the deployment of advanced metering infrastructure ("AMI"). The Company explains that, as part of its Advanced Grid Intelligence and Security initiative, it has been replacing legacy electric meters, which are read with drive-by and walk-by automatic meter reading or read manually, with electric meters compatible with the Company's AMI solution. The Company further explains that the partial waiver granted by the Recommended Decision was based on the assumption that AMI meter deployment would be completed by the end of 2024. However, the Company asserts that due to a global shortage of key components, as of August 25, 2025, there remained approximately 38,141 legacy meters pending replacement. Public Service states it anticipates that nearly all of

these meters will be replaced by the end of 2025 and therefore requests a one-year extension of the partial waiver through the end of 2025. The Company maintains it anticipates that its deployment of AMI will be substantially complete by that time.

8. Although this matter is now uncontested, Public Service notes that it conferred with Staff and UCA and states that Staff takes no position on the Motion and UCA has no objection to the Motion.

9. Pursuant to Rule 1003(a), 4 CCR 723-1, the Commission finds good cause to grant the Motion, extending the partial waiver of Rules 3304(a) and (b), 4 CCR 723-3, through the end of 2025.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The Motion for Extension of Partial Waiver filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on October 7, 2025, is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. This Decision is effective immediately upon its Issued Date.
- a. **ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 22, 2025.**

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