

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24R-0559EG

IN THE MATTER OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE COMMISSION’S RULES REGULATING ELECTRIC UTILITIES, 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-3, AND ITS RULES REGULATING GAS UTILITIES, 4 CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 723-4, TO IMPLEMENT CERTAIN PROVISIONS FROM SENATE BILL 23-292 REGARDING BEST VALUE EMPLOYMENT METRICS AND ENERGY SECTOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECTS.

**INTERIM DECISION SCHEDULING CONTINUED
REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING AND
DEADLINES FOR CONFERRAL REPORT AND
SUBSEQUENT COMMENTS**

Issued Date: March 5, 2025

I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. On December 24, 2024, the Colorado Public Utilities Commission initiated this proceeding by issuing a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (“NOPR”) to amend the Rules Regulating Electric Utilities consistent with Senate Bill 23-292.¹

2. Atmos Energy Corporation (“Atmos”), Colorado Natural Gas, Inc. (“CNG”), Interwest Energy Alliance (“Interwest”), Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service”), The Rocky Mountain Environmental Labor Coalition, the Colorado Building and Construction Trades Council, and AFL-CIO (“the Labor Coalition”), Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc. (“Tri-State”) filed initial comments. Black Hills Colorado Electric, Inc. and Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc., collectively doing business as Black Hills Energy, the

¹ Decision No. C24-0940.

Colorado Solar and Storage Association and the Solar Energy Industries Association, the Labor Coalition, Public Service, and Tri-State filed reply comments.

3. At 11:00 a.m. on March 4, 2025, Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”) Conor F. Farley, held the public comment hearing noticed in the NOPR. The ALJ discussed the proposed rules and the initial and response comments with the participants at the hearing and announced a schedule for the next stage of the proceeding and the continuation of the hearing.

B. Continued Remote Public Comment Hearing

4. During the remote public comment hearing on March 4, 2025, the undersigned ALJ announced the continuation of the hearing. This Interim Decision memorializes the continuance of the proceeding to May 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m.

5. Public Service and the Labor Coalition committed to work collaboratively during the interim period before the continued public comment hearing to reach consensus and/or identify areas of disagreement regarding the proposed rules. Any other participant is welcome to join Public Service and the Labor Coalition in this endeavor. Public Service and the Labor Coalition will file a Report of their efforts with a bluelined version of the rules showing their proposed changes to the proposed rules by April 4, 2025. Thereafter, participants may submit initial written comments regarding the additional proposed changes in the Report by April 23, 2025, and reply comments by May 7, 2025.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The public comment hearing in Proceeding No. 24R-0559EG is continued as set forth below and during the March 4, 2025 public comment hearing.

2. The continued fully remote public comment hearing in this matter is scheduled as follows:

DATE: May 20, 2025

TIME: 11:00 a.m.

PLACE: By videoconference using a Zoom link emailed to those who register for the hearing through the registration link on the Commission’s calendar of events at: <https://puc.colorado.gov/pucalendar>.

3. The deadlines to submit written comments and reply comments regarding the additional proposed changes in the Report (and anything else relevant to this proceeding) are **April 23, 2025**, and **May 7, 2025**, respectively. At the time set for the continued remote hearing on May 20, 2025, at 11:00 a.m., interested persons may submit written comments and may present these orally unless the Administrative Law Judge deems oral comments unnecessary.

4. Interested persons may also submit written comments in this matter by filing them directly in this proceeding using the Commission’s e-filing system, including them in an email sent to the Commission, or by entering them through the Commission’s website by clicking on the “FILE A COMMENT OR COMPLAINT” link on the Commission’s home page and then following the prompts. The Commission’s e-filing system, email address, and “FILE A COMMENT OR COMPLAINT” link can be found at: <https://puc.colorado.gov/>.

5. Interested persons may also submit oral comments in this matter, either in English or in Spanish, by calling (303) 869-3490 and leaving a voicemail containing the comments.

6. Regardless of which of the above methods is used for submitting comments in this proceeding, the number of this Proceeding (24R-0559EG) should be identified in submitted comments to aid the Commission's administrative staff in placing the comments in this proceeding.

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

8. This Decision is effective immediately.

(SEAL)



THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Rebecca E. White,
Director