

Decision No. R25-0185-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0371E

IN THE MATTER OF THE VERIFIED APPLICATION OF BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, LLC DOING BUSINESS AS BLACK HILLS ENERGY FOR AN ORDER APPROVING EXPENSES RECOVERED THROUGH THE ENERGY COST ADJUSTMENT AND PURCHASED CAPACITY COST ADJUSTMENT IN 2023.

**INTERIM DECISION
AMENDING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND
VACATING HEARING**

Issued Date: March 18, 2024

I. STATEMENT

1. On August 30, 2024, Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC, doing business as Black Hills Energy (“Black Hills”) filed an Application for an Order approving expenses recovered through the Energy Cost Adjustment and Purchased Capacity Cost Adjustment in 2023.
2. The Commission issued a Notice of Application filed on August 30, 2024.
3. The Colorado Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (“UCA”) and Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Trial Staff”) timely intervened of right.
4. The matter was referred by minute entry to an Administrative Law Judge for resolution during the Commission’s Weekly Meeting held on September 16, 2024.
5. By Decision No. R24-0825-I, issued November 14, 2024, a hearing was scheduled to be held in this matter on April 9, 10, and 11, 2025, and a procedural schedule was established to govern this proceeding.

6. On November 20, 2024, Black Hills filed a notice waiving the statutory deadline in this proceeding.

7. On March 14, 2025, Trial Staff filed Staff's Unopposed Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule. Trial Staff requests that the scheduled hearing be vacated and the procedural schedule be extended by two months to allow time for the Commission to issue its decision in the pending rate case filed by Black Hills, which Trial Staff believes might resolve some of the disputed issues in this proceeding.

8. Trial Staff has conferred with Black Hills and the UCA, which are the only other parties to this proceeding. Trial Staff is authorized to state that UCA supports the motion, while Black Hills does not oppose.

9. Based upon good cause shown for the unopposed request, response time will be waived and the request granted. The scheduled hearing will be vacated and Trial Staff's proposed amendment to the procedural schedule will be adopted, as ordered below.

II. ORDER

A. It is Ordered That:

1. Response time to Staff's Unopposed Motion to Extend Procedural Schedule filed by Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission on March 14, 2025, is waived and the request is granted.

2. The hearing scheduled to commence in this matter on April 9, 2025, is vacated.

3. The remainder of the procedural schedule is adopted, as amended, to govern this proceeding:

Event	Date
Settlement/Stipulation Deadline	May 19, 2025
Testimony on the Settlement/Stipulation	May 26, 2025
Corrections/Cross-Matrix/witness list	To be determined.
Evidentiary Hearing	To be determined.
Statement of Position	To be determined.

- 4. The parties shall confer and propose acceptable hearing dates.
- 5. This Decision is effective immediately.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

G. HARRIS ADAMS

Administrative Law Judge

Rebecca E. White,
Director