

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25A-0194E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2026-2027 RENEWABLE ENERGY COMPLIANCE PLAN, DISPATCHABLE DISTRIBUTED GENERATION PROCUREMENT PROPOSAL, AND CORRESPONDING MODIFICATIONS TO ITS RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD ADJUSTMENT AND ELECTRIC COMMODITY ADJUSTMENT COST RECOVERY MECHANISMS.

**INTERIM DECISION GRANTING MOTION FOR
PRO HOC VICE AND MOTION TO EXTEND CERTAIN
DEADLINES**

Issued Date: November 5, 2025

I. STATEMENT

A. Relevant Procedural Background

1. On May 12, 2025, Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service”) filed its Verified Application of Public Service Company of Colorado for Approval of its 2026-27 Renewable Energy Compliance Plan.

2. In addition to Public Service, the following entities are parties to this Proceeding: the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate; the Colorado Energy Office; Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”); Pivot Energy Inc.; the City of Boulder; Energy Outreach Colorado; Western Resource Advocates (“WRA”); SunShare, LLC; the Colorado Solar and Storage Association, Solar Energy Industries Association, and Coalition for Community Solar Access; Climax Molybdenum Company; Cloudbreak Energy Partners, LLC; and GreenLatinos, GRID Alternatives, and Vote Solar.¹

¹ Decision No. R25-0562-I (July 31, 2025) at p. 14.

3. On October 21, 2025, WRA filed its Practice Pending Admission Counsel's Verified Motion Requesting Pro Hac Vice Admission ("Pro Hoc Vice Motion"), seeking to allow Stephanie Altman to practice before this tribunal in this Proceeding. WRA included a copy of Ms. Altman's proof of pro hoc vice registration with the Colorado Supreme Court.² No party filed an objection to the Pro Hoc Vice Motion.

4. In Decision No. R25-0562-I, issued July 31, 2025, the Administrative Law Judge ("ALJ") directed the parties to confer and propose a procedural schedule to govern the proceeding. Relevant here, the ALJ said the parties' proposed schedule "must" include deadlines for various items, including witness and exhibit lists exchange and non-testimonial exhibits.³

5. The parties opted to provide an incomplete list of deadlines in their proposed procedural schedule. Accordingly, the ALJ adopted a procedural schedule with all required deadlines in Decision No. R25-0591-I (issued August 14, 2025), including deadlines for items the parties elected to not provide.

6. On October 22, 2025, Staff filed its Unopposed Motion to Vacate or Extend Procedural Deadlines ("Motion to Extend"). In the Motion to Extend, Staff sought to vacate or extend the witness and exhibit list exchange deadline (October 24, 2025) and the non-testimonial exhibit deadline (October 27, 2025) (collectively, the "Exhibit Deadlines").

II. DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS

7. The Commission may shorten the response time for motions on good cause shown. Given that the Motion to Extend is unopposed, the ALJ finds good cause to waive the response time and does so.⁴

² Proof of Pro Hac Vice Registration for Stephanie Altman – 25PHV8604 at p. 1.

³ *Id.* at p. 5.

⁴ See Rule 1400(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* ("CCR") 723-1.

A. Pro Hoc Vice Motion

8. The Pro Hoc Vice Motion establishes that Ms. Altman meets all necessary requirements for pro hoc vice admission and no party opposed Ms. Altman's pro hoc vice admission in this Proceeding. The ALJ will grant the Pro Hoc Vice Motion.

B. Motion to Extend

9. Staff argues that good cause exists to either vacate⁵ or extend the Exhibit Deadlines. Staff notes that settlement discussions could be hindered by the Exhibit Deadlines, and that the Exhibit Deadlines do not afford the parties sufficient time to conduct discovery related to rebuttal and cross-answer testimony.⁶ The ALJ finds that good cause exists to extend the Exhibit Deadlines and will grant the motion to extend the Exhibit Deadlines to November 14, 2025.

10. If any party makes additional list filings related to the new Exhibit Deadlines, the party may not simply supplement any prior list. Rather, they must file replacement lists. In other words, the new list filings will be the only operative filings. Parties may file new, additional non-testimonial exhibits.

11. The remaining procedural schedule is as follows:

Procedural Activity	Deadline
Stipulations/Settlement Agreement	November 5, 2025
Public Comment Hearing	November 6, 2025 ⁷
Settlement Testimony	November 12, 2025

⁵ Staff notes that "If the ALJ determines the Exhibit Deadlines are necessary..." then, alternatively, Staff requests an extension of the deadlines. The ALJ made that determination as to the necessity of the Exhibit Deadlines as set forth in Decision No. R25-0562-I.

⁶ Motion to Extend at p. 4.

⁷ Staff incorrectly noted this date as November 5, 2025 in its Motion to Extend. *See* Decision No. R25-0721-I (issued October 10, 2025), which sets the public comment hearing for November 6, 2025.

Procedural Activity	Deadline
Corrections to Testimonial Exhibits	November 14, 2025
Joint Cross-Examination Matrix	November 14, 2025
Exhibit and Witness List Exchange	November 14, 2025
Non-Testimonial Exhibits	November 14, 2025
Pre-Hearing Motions	November 21, 2025
Responses to Pre-Hearing Motions	November 26, 2025
Hearing	December 2 – 5, 2025
Statements of Position	December 18, 2025

III. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Western Resource Advocates’ (“WRA”) Practice Pending Admission Counsel’s Verified Motion Requesting Pro Hac Vice Admission, filed October 21, 2025, is granted. Stephanie Altman (PPA Number 25PPA1334) may appear in this Proceeding on behalf of WRA.

2. Staff of the Public Utilities Commission’s (“Staff”) Unopposed Motion to Vacate or Extend Procedural Deadlines is granted. Consistent with the above discussion: (a) the Exhibit and Witness List exchange deadline is changed to November 14, 2025 and (b) the Non-Testimonial Exhibit deadline is changed to November 14, 2025. To the extent any party files a revised list, the newly filed list will be the only operative filing and must include all items. Parties may not make a second filing that only supplements an existing list.

3. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

KELLY A. ROSENBERG

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Rebecca E. White,
Director