

Decision No. C03-0954

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

DOCKET NO. 03A-192E

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC., P.O. BOX 33695, DENVER, COLORADO FOR A DETERMINATION UNDER 29-20-108(5), C.R.S., THAT THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO, ON TRI-STATE'S PROPOSED NUCLA-TELLURIDE 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT WILL UNREASONABLY IMPAIR TRI-STATE'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE SAFE, RELIABLE, AND ECONOMICAL SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

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**ORDER DENYING MOTIONS TO CONDUCT ALL  
HEARINGS IN SAN MIGUEL COUNTY**

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Mailed Date: August 22, 2003

Adopted Date: July 16, 2003

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of the requests that all hearings in this matter be conducted in San Miguel County, Colorado filed by the Coalition of Concerned San Miguel County Homeowners and the Board of San Miguel County Commissioners. Those requests were made by the parties in motions filed on June 12, 2003 (by the Homeowners) and June 13, 2003 (by the County Commissioners).<sup>1</sup> On July 8, 2003, we conducted a prehearing conference in this case. At the prehearing conference, we determined that, while the open hearing will be held in San Miguel County, the evidentiary hearings in this matter will be conducted in Denver, Colorado. *See* Decision No. C03-0819. Therefore, we deny the requests that all hearings be held in San Miguel County.

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<sup>1</sup> The motions include other requests for relief. The Commission has already ruled on these other requests in prior orders in this docket.

**II. ORDER**

**A. The Commission Orders That:**

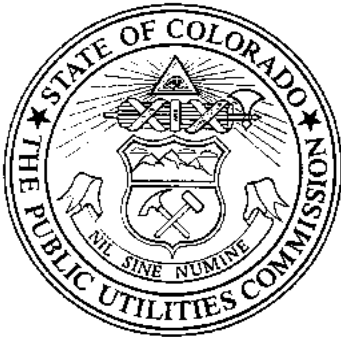
1. The requests that all hearings in this matter be conducted in San Miguel County by the Coalition of Concerned San Miguel County Homeowners and the Board of San Miguel County Commissioners are denied.

2. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
July 16, 2003.**

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO



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