Decision No. C20-0119

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 19M-0574E

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S IMPLEMENTATION OF SENATE BILL 19-077 REGARDING TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION AND TRIENNIAL APPLICATIONS.

DECISION CLOSING MISCELLANEOUS PROCEEDING

Mailed Date:

February 21, 2020

Adopted Date:

February 19, 2020

I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. Senate Bill 19-077, codified at § 40-5-107(1)(a), C.R.S., directs electric utilities to

file with the Commission by May 15, 2020, and every three years thereafter, an application for "a

program for regulated activities to support widespread transportation electrification" within the

utility's service territory.

2. Through Decision No. C19-0854, issued October 23, 2019, the Commission

opened this miscellaneous proceeding to solicit comment and information from utilities and

interested stakeholders regarding future utility applications for transportation electrification

programs. We directed Staff of the Public Utilities Commission (Staff) to lead this stakeholder

outreach. We specified several questions to be addressed by the utilities and stakeholders in their

filed comments.

3. The utilities and stakeholders had an opportunity to file two rounds of comments.

On November 22, 2019, initial comments were submitted by: the Alliance for Transportation

Electrification; Black Hills Colorado Electric, LLC; ChargePoint, Inc.; Colorado Energy Office;

City and County of Denver; Enel X North America, Inc.; EVgo; Greenlots; Holy Cross Electric Association; Public Service Company of Colorado; Siemens; and Tesla, Inc. In addition, Conservation Colorado Education Fund; GRID Alternatives Colorado; Natural Resources Defense Council; Sierra Club; Southwest Energy Efficiency Project; Vote Solar; and Western Resource Advocates (collectively the NGO Commenters) jointly filed initial comments. On December 6, 2019, responsive comments were submitted by: Public Service Company of Colorado; Colorado Energy Consumers; the NGO Commenters; ChargePoint, Inc.; the Alliance for Transportation Electrification; Greenlots; Siemens; and Tesla, Inc.

- 4. To compile the many comments received from the utilities and interested stakeholders, on February 20, 2020, Staff prepared and filed in this miscellaneous proceeding an informational report titled *Collection of Comments Filed in Proceeding No. 19M-0574E* (Staff Report). The Staff Report organizes the comments by topic area as they respond to the questions posed by the Commission in Decision No. C19-0854. In addition to aggregating the comments, at the end of the Staff Report, based on its review and consideration of the stakeholder input, Staff identifies certain areas of information and analysis that it encourages utilities to consider including in their future transportation electrification plans.
- 5. The Commission appreciates the robust participation in this miscellaneous proceeding by the utilities and interested stakeholders and the efforts of Staff to lead this stakeholder outreach process and prepare its informative Staff Report.
- 6. We acknowledge that Staff offers conclusions in the Staff Report about certain information and analysis for utilities to consider including with their future applications. The Commission itself makes no findings or determinations at this time as to what should be included with a utility's application for a transportation electrification program. We find it most

appropriate to reserve our findings and conclusions to the upcoming individual application proceedings, where we will have actual proposals before us, and not in this preliminary miscellaneous proceeding. The Commission may also at a future date consider opening a rulemaking to consider establishing requirements of general applicability.

7. We find good cause at this time to close this miscellaneous proceeding without further action or decision. The volume of comments submitted by the utilities and interested stakeholders has provided a thorough record, as compiled in the Staff Report. Given the robust participation through written comments, we conclude that the workshop originally ordered in Decision No. C19-0854 is no longer necessary and need not be held. This miscellaneous proceeding can now be closed.<sup>1</sup>

## II. ORDER

## A. The Commission Orders That:

- 1. This miscellaneous proceeding is hereby closed.
- 2. Transportation electrification applications shall be filed no sooner than 30 days following the effective date of this Decision.
  - 3. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> In order to apprise the Colorado Legislature and Governor of the status of our ongoing implementation of Senate Bill 19-077, we will provide to the Senate sponsors of the legislation and the Governor's Office, a transmittal letter with a copy of the Staff Report and this Decision. We also will issue a press release to alert interested members of the public.

## B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING February 19, 2020.



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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