

Decision No. C20-0478-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 19A-0728E

CIN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE VOLTAGE CONTROL FACILITIES ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLORADO ENERGY PLAN.

PROCEEDING NO. 20A-0063E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE GREENWOOD TO DENVER TERMINAL 230 KV TRANSMISSION PROJECT ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLORADO ENERGY PLAN, ASSOCIATED FINDINGS OF NOISE AND MAGNETIC FIELD REASONABLENESS, AND UPRATE PROJECTS.

INTERIM DECISION ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES

Mailed Date: July 1, 2020
Adopted Date: July 1, 2020

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This Decision provides detailed procedures and requirements for remote evidentiary hearings, consistent with the procedural schedule set forth in Decision No. C20-0428-

I.

B. Background

2. A more comprehensive summary of the background of this proceeding is included in Decision No. C20-0428-I. The facts relevant to this Decision are stated below.

3. On May 26, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) and Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) filed a Notice of Settlement and Joint Motion

to Approve Settlement, Consolidate Proceedings, Hear Consolidated Proceeding *en banc*, Approve Procedural Schedule, and Shorten Response Time (Joint Motion). The proposed relief sought by the Joint Motion affects both Proceeding No. 19A-0728E and Proceeding No. 20A-0063E.

4. The Colorado Office of the Consumer Council (OCC) filed its Response in opposition to the Joint Motion on May 29, 2020. The Settling Parties then filed a Joint Motion for Leave to Reply along with their proposed Reply on June 1, 2020.

5. By Decision No. C20-0428-I, the Commission, among other things, consolidated Proceeding Nos. 19A-0728E and 20A-0063E,¹ granted the Settling Parties' request to hear the consolidated proceeding *en banc*, adopted a procedural schedule, and scheduled a hearing on the Settlement Agreement on July 23 and 24, 2020.

6. Additionally, in Decision No. C20-0428-I, the Commission noted that in-person hearings at the Commission's offices are currently suspended and found it is in the parties' interests to plan and prepare for a remote video-conference evidentiary hearing, consistent with public health advisories to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

C. Procedures and Requirements for Remote Evidentiary Hearing

7. The Commission will use the web-hosted video conferencing service GoToMeeting to hold the remote evidentiary hearing. To minimize the potential that the video-conference hearing may be disrupted by non-participants, the link and meeting access/ID code to attend the hearing will be provided to the parties via email before the hearing. The Parties and their witnesses should not distribute that information to anyone not participating in the hearing.²

¹ Proceeding No. 19A-0728E shall be the primary proceeding for administrative purposes.

² It is anticipated that the hearing will be webcast, consistent with Commission practice; anyone wishing to observe the hearing may do so without the need to join the hearing as a participant.

8. Attachment A to this Decision provides the requirements and information regarding how to use the GoToMeeting platform for participating in the hearing.

9. Attachment B to this Decision establishes the procedures and requirements for the presentation of exhibits electronically during the evidentiary hearing.

10. The procedures developed for the remote evidentiary hearing are intended to replicate, as practicable, evidence presentation as it occurs when parties and witnesses are present in the hearing room. For example, Attachment B to this Decision explicitly does not require parties to pre-file or serve exhibits that may be used solely to impeach, refresh recollection, or for rebuttal, as those exhibits are ordinarily presented for the first time during the hearing. Instead, the parties will upload such exhibits to their designated box.com folder using the process described in Attachment B.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Parties and their witnesses must comply with the requirements and follow the procedures contained in this Decision and Attachments A and B hereto, which are incorporated as part of this Decision.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 1, 2020.**

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