## ATTACHMENT B ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES

## A. Presentation of Exhibits Electronically During Evidentiary Hearing.

- 1. Because the hearing will be held remotely by videoconference, all evidence must be presented electronically. This Attachment establishes procedures for the presentation of exhibits electronically during the evidentiary hearing.
- 2. If a pre-filed hearing exhibit marked for identification is admitted into evidence, it is anticipated that the electronic copy in the Commission's file will be admitted by administrative notice, in lieu of receiving the identical paper copy (*e.g.*, the fact administratively noticed is that the copy on file is the content of the otherwise-admissible hearing exhibit).
- 3. To facilitate the presentation of exhibits electronically during the evidentiary hearing, the Commission will provide a spreadsheet identifying each pre-filed hearing exhibit as it exists in the administrative record. The spreadsheet will include hyperlinks to the filings in the administrative record. The spreadsheet will be made available to the parties prior to the hearing and marked as a hearing exhibit. A Commission staff person will display pre-filed electronic filings during the hearing.<sup>1</sup>
- 4. Any document previously filed by a party that will be offered into evidence but has not been identified in compliance with this Attachment, must be revised and re-filed in accordance

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Exhibits will be displayed electronically during the hearing. Should the parties have technical questions relating to the electronic presentation of exhibits, they may contact Ms. Christie Nicks at <a href="https://christie.Nicks@state.co.us">Christie.Nicks@state.co.us</a> or Mr. Ross Smith at <a href="mailto:Ross.Smith@state.co.us">Ross.Smith@state.co.us</a>.

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with the requirements in this Attachment. Any such filings shall be (a) made within 14 days of the

date of the underlying Decision and (b) treated as the original filing of hearing exhibits.<sup>2</sup>

5. Any stipulations or settlement agreements, along with any associated testimony or

exhibits, shall also be filed electronically in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

6. Final versions of all previously filed hearing exhibits must be filed **on or before** 

April 21, 2021, unless otherwise ordered, so that the spreadsheet may be timely prepared and

distributed during the three business days prior to the hearing. Hyperlinks will not be included for

confidential or highly confidential information. Any exhibits filed after this deadline will not be

included in the spreadsheet of hyperlinked electronic exhibits and will not be admitted by

administrative notice.

7. After the deadline for final versions, a party intending to present a document during

hearing must: (a) pre-mark such document with a hearing exhibit number within the party's

assigned exhibit number block as required by Attachment; and (b) upload such document into the

party's designated box.com folder before presenting them during the hearing.<sup>3</sup> This includes

document not required to be pre-filed (e.g., for impeachment or to refresh recollection).

8. The parties are responsible for ensuring they and their witnesses have access to all

pre-marked exhibits and are able to download and view documents from box.com during the

hearing.

<sup>2</sup> Compliance with this Attachment may result in a change to pagination of prior versions of hearing exhibits. References in discovery requests and responses to prior versions of hearing exhibits will be construed to be amended to refer to the latest filed version of such testimony, unless otherwise specified. Although corresponding page and line references may reasonably be affected by such construction, corrected references will not be necessary (*i.e.*, no

need to amend) so long as the reference remains in reasonable proximity to the referenced material.

<sup>3</sup> The Public Utilities Commission Administrative Hearings Section uses a web-based document sharing service, box.com. All parties must ensure they can access and use box.com. An email with more details will follow.

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## **B.** Assignment of Hearing Exhibit Number Blocks

- 9. In order to efficiently organize the numbering and preparation of exhibits for the hearing, all parties shall use a unified numbering system for all hearing exhibits.
- 10. The party initiating the proceeding (here, Public Service) is assigned hearing exhibit numbers, from 100 to 299.
- 11. Each intervening person or entity is assigned a block of 100 hearing exhibit numbers (e.g., 300-399, 400-499, etc.), as follows:

| Parties           | Hearing Block Numbers |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| Public Service    | 100 - 299             |
| OCC               | 300 - 399             |
| Staff             | 400 – 499             |
| City of Boulder   | 500 – 599             |
| City of Denver    | 600 - 699             |
| EOC               | 700 – 799             |
| COSS/SEIA         | 800 - 899             |
| Molson Coors      | 900 – 999             |
| Climax            | 1000 – 1099           |
| Vote Solar        | 1100 – 1199           |
| CEC               | 1200 – 1299           |
| SWEEP             | 1300 – 1399           |
| FEA               | 1400 – 1499           |
| Walmart           | 1500 – 1599           |
| Kroger            | 1600 – 1699           |
| Local Governments | 1700 – 1799           |

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C. Identification and Filing Requirements for Hearing Exhibits.

12. In addition to other requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and

Procedure, 4 Code of Colorado Regulations 723-1 (e.g., Rule 1202 regarding pre-filed testimony),

all pre-filed hearing exhibits shall be marked for identification and filed as required by this

Attachment. 4

13. Parties must mark all hearing exhibits for identification in sequential order, using

hearing exhibit numbers within their assigned hearing exhibit number block. Each type of a

witness's testimony, including any attachments, (e.g., direct, answer, rebuttal, cross-answer, and

supplemental) shall be marked with one hearing exhibit number.<sup>5</sup> Even if comprised of multiple

electronic documents, the testimony and attachments will be one hearing exhibit.<sup>6</sup>

14. Parties should not duplicate hearing exhibits or attachments previously filed by

another party. At the hearing, any party may sponsor an exhibit that was pre-filed by another party.

15. The title of all pre-filed written testimony should include the type of testimony and

the name of the witness. For example, if Hearing Exhibit 100 is the direct testimony of witness

John J. Doe, the following title should be used: "Hearing Exhibit 100, Direct Testimony of John J.

Doe."

16. Anything accompanying pre-filed written testimony within a hearing exhibit (e.g.,

exhibits, appendices, attachments, or attachments to filing) shall be referred to as an "attachment"

<sup>4</sup> In order to minimize the size and allow electronic text searches of the PDF files, versions filed in PDF format should be generated from the native executable electronic file format when possible.

<sup>5</sup> Each type of testimony should be identified with a different hearing exhibit number. For example, John J. Doe's direct testimony may be Hearing Exhibit 100 and his rebuttal testimony may be Hearing Exhibit 105.

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<sup>6</sup> While marked for identification with one hearing exhibit number, the testimony and each attachment should be filed in compliance with Rule 1202 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, which provides that the primary document and each secondary document must be separately uploaded in the Commission's E-Filings system.

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to the testimony and identified by the hearing exhibit number reference, the witness's initials, and

a number sequence. For example, if the party assigned block 300 files answer testimony of Albert

B. Cooke, that includes a table as Attachment ABC-1, then the title of the table will be "Hearing

Exhibit 300, Attachment ABC-1." The attachment should not be referred to as Exhibit ABC-1 or

Appendix A.

17. When filing hearing exhibits in the Commission's E-Filings System, parties must

title the exhibits to match the title of the hearing exhibit but may not be in all uppercase format.

All exhibit titles entered into the E-Filing System must start with "Hearing Exhibit XXX."

Building on the above examples, John J. Doe's Direct Testimony should be titled "Hearing Exhibit

100, Direct Testimony of John J. Doe" when filing in the Commission's E-Filing System, and the

first attachment to John J. Doe's testimony should be titled "Hearing Exhibit 100, Attachment JJD-

1" when filing.

**D.** Procedures Regarding Confidentiality

18. Any pre-filed hearing exhibit (including any attachments) filed pursuant to the

Standards of Conduct in the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure containing

confidential information shall be pre-marked for identification by the same hearing exhibit number

within the assigned block identifying the portion in the public record and shall be designated with

a "C" following the number of the hearing exhibit or attachment.

19. For example, a witness's pre-filed written testimony might be identified as

"Hearing Exhibit 100, Direct Testimony of John J. Doe." If portions of the testimony in Hearing

Exhibit 100, Direct Testimony of John J. Doe are claimed to be confidential, those portions would

be filed in accordance with the Standards of Conduct and identified as "Hearing Exhibit 100C,

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Direct Testimony of John J. Doe." Hearing Exhibit 100, Direct Testimony of John J. Doe would remain in the public record (reducted to exclude confidential material).

20. Further, if portions of Hearing Exhibit 100, Direct Testimony of John J. Doe,

Attachment JJD-1 are claimed to be confidential, those portions would be filed in accordance with

the Standards of Conduct and identified as Hearing Exhibit 100, Attachment JJD-1C. Hearing

Exhibit 100, Attachment JJD-1 would remain in the public record (redacted to exclude confidential

material). Comparably, should any highly confidential protections be afforded, the hearing exhibit

number would be designated with an "HC" following the number.

E. Form of Hearing Exhibits.

21. Parties must sequentially number each page of each hearing exhibit; the first page

of each hearing exhibit must be numbered as page 1, with each additional page numbered in

succession. Thus, electronic pagination will match the page numbers printed on the exhibit, which

will facilitate electronic navigation during the hearing. For example, the cover page shall be page

1, and all following pages shall be numbered sequentially, including executive summaries, tables

of contents, lists of attachments, and pages intentionally left blank.

22. There shall be only one page number shown on each page of all hearing exhibits.

Page numbers should be included in the header of each page-numbered hearing exhibit (e.g. placed

at the top right corner of each page of the hearing exhibit or attachment included as part of a

hearing exhibit). The top line of the header shall include the title of the document (e.g., Hearing

Exhibit 400, Answer Testimony of Albert B. Cooke or Hearing Exhibit 400, Attachment ABC-1,

Page 1).

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23. The form of revisions to filed documents may be modified from the requirements

of Rule 1202, 4 CCR 723-1, in order to minimize the resulting impact to page and line references

(e.g., widen a paragraph margin to insert a word).

F. Additional Requirements for Executable Hearing Exhibits

24. Any hearing exhibit (i.e. and any included attachments) created from a spreadsheet

and relying on foundation not viewable in the exhibit shall be filed (or provided in Box.com if not

required to be prefiled) in both PDF format and in the native executable electronic file format (e.g.,

.xlsx, .ods, .gsheet). Executable spreadsheets must have the various cell formulae or links left

intact. Cell formulae must not be converted to values. The executable version must be filed on

the same day as the pre-filed PDF version.

25. When filing an executable version in the Commission's E-Filing System, parties

must title the document to mirror the non-executable version, except to add the word "Executable"

after the hearing exhibit number. For example: Hearing Exhibit 300, Executable Attachment ABC-

1, or Hearing Exhibit 400, Executable.

26. Parties are not required to: mark executable spreadsheets hearing exhibits,

including executable attachments thereto, for identification, paginate such executable exhibits, or

file amended, modified, or corrected executable exhibits in redline/strikeout format.

<sup>7</sup> When the executable version is filed in native format, the Commission's E-Filings system will convert it into a PDF version and include it in the docket for the proceeding. The docket will then list the "Executable" version of the attachment, but will link to the converted the PDF version of the attachment. Any such PDF version titled as "Executable" (consistent with the naming convention set forth above) will be disregarded for all purposes. It should not be cited by the parties, will not be cited by the Commission, and will not be displayed during the hearing.

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G. Modifying, Amending, or Correcting a Previously Filed Hearing Exhibit On

or Before Deadline for Corrections.

27. Should a party need to modify, amend, or correct a previously filed hearing exhibit

on or before the earlier of the ordered deadline for such changes or the fourth business day prior

to hearing, the following procedures shall be followed.8

28. Except for executable spreadsheet hearing exhibits and attachments, parties must

file the complete hearing exhibit or attachment thereto including all changes in redline/strikeout

format that highlights the changes as compared to the original. Parties filing more than once to

revise a non-executable hearing exhibit or attachment must ensure that the redlined version shows

incremental changes as compared to the next previous version.

29. For executable spreadsheet hearing exhibits and attachments, parties must file a

complete version including all changes without using redline/strikeout format; and an additional

notice attachment (i.e., as a secondary document if electronically filed) identifying changes in each

revision from the most recent previous revision.

30. Parties must mark and file corrected, modified, and amended hearing exhibits and

attachments for identification using the exact same title as the original version of the exhibit or

attachment, immediately followed by "Rev." to indicate a revision, with the revision number. For

example, John J. Doe's modified direct testimony should be marked and filed as "Hearing Exhibit

100, John J. Doe's Direct Testimony, Rev. 1." If an additional revision is later filed, it would be

marked and filed as "Hearing Exhibit 100, Direct Testimony of John J. Doe, Rev. 2.

<sup>8</sup> Note, this section applies to filings in the Commission's E-Filing System only and does not apply to the use of box.com. Parties may replace files in their respective box.com as they wish because they are not yet in the Commission's custody.

<sup>9</sup> Filing a "clean" version is not necessary and is discouraged.

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31. Parties may not title any revised hearing exhibit or attachment as "corrected," "modified," or "amended," even if the revision corrects, modifies or amends a prior filing.

H. Modifying, Amending, or Correcting a Previously Filed Hearing Exhibit After Deadline for Corrections.

32. Should a party wish to modify, amend, or correct a previously identified hearing

exhibit after the earlier of the ordered deadline for such changes or the fourth business day prior

to hearing, or during the hearing, such revisions will not be included in the spreadsheet prepared

by the Commission for admission by administrative notice. Rather, the following procedures shall

be followed to upload them into the party's designated box.com folder.

33. If the native executable electronic file format is **not** a spreadsheet, all changes

should be reflected on replacement pages only in redline/strikeout format that must be: (a)

marked for identification with a hearing exhibit number within the party's assigned exhibit number

block in accordance with the procedures in this Attachment; and (b) uploaded into the party's

designated box.com folder prior to use of the exhibit during the hearing.<sup>10</sup>

34. If the native executable electronic file format is a spreadsheet (e.g., .xlsx, .uos,

.gsheet), the complete hearing exhibit must be: (a) marked for identification with a hearing exhibit

number within the party's assigned exhibit number block in accordance with the procedures in this

Attachment; and (b) uploaded into the party's designated box.com folder prior to use of the exhibit

during the hearing. The changes do not need to be in redline/strikeout format. The revision shall

also include an additional notice attachment identifying changes in each revision from the most

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recent previous revision. Additionally, a complete revision of the executable spreadsheet,

including all changes, shall be filed in accordance with this Attachment.

I. Revisions to Hearing Exhibits.

35. So long as the corrected, modified, and amended exhibits or attachments are

permitted, the most recent timely revision of a hearing exhibit or attachment will be used for all

purposes. As to revised exhibits and attachments filed after the referenced timeframes, if the

changes are permitted, the latter replacement pages shall supersede and prevail where they conflict

with the previous revision for all purposes.

36. References in hearing exhibits and attachments (e.g., written testimony) to obsolete

versions or superseded portions of hearing exhibits and attachments will be construed as referring

to the latest filed version of such testimony, unless otherwise specified. Hearing exhibits and

attachments whose page and line citations are affected by corrected, modified, or amended exhibits

will be construed as citing to the new location (and citation), provided that the prior citation is in

reasonable proximity<sup>11</sup> to the new citation.<sup>12</sup> In such circumstances, the parties should not submit

revised exhibits merely to correct page and line citations.

<sup>11</sup> For example, answer testimony citing to page 10, line 5 of an obsolete version of direct testimony is within reasonable proximity to the new citation when it is still on page 10.

<sup>12</sup> The parties may modify the formatting for revised hearing exhibits to minimize the impact to page number and line references and citations (e.g., widen a margin to insert a word without changing the line reference or page number where the modification appears).

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