

Decision No. C22-0741

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22A-0315EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS COMBINED ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS DEMAND-SIDE MANAGEMENT AND BENEFICIAL ELECTRIFICATION PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2023.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
MOTION TO AMEND TESTIMONY DEADLINES AND
REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME AND AN
EXPEDITED DECISION**

Mailed Date: November 18, 2022

Adopted Date: November 16, 2022

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. By this Decision, the Commission grants the Motion to Amend Testimony Deadlines and Request for Waiver of Response Time and an Expedited Decision (Motion), filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or the Company) on November 15, 2022. Through the Motion, Public Service seeks an order granting the extension of the deadline for Answer Testimony be extended to December 5, 2022, and the deadline for Rebuttal/Cross-Answer Testimony be extended to January 17, 2023. As the Motion is unopposed, Public Service requests that the Commission waive response time, pursuant to Rule 1308(c). Upon review of the Motion and its attachments, we find good cause to grant the relief sought in the Motion.

B. Procedural History

2. On July 1, 2022, Public Service initiated this matter by filing its Application and Direct Testimony requesting Commission approval of the Company's 2023 Electric and Natural Gas Demand-Side Management (DSM) and Beneficial Electrification (BE) Plan (2023 DSM & BE Plan or Plan). In its Application, Public Service states the 2023 DSM & BE Plan is a combined electric and gas Plan that contains comprehensive descriptions of each of the electric and gas DSM programs that Public Service proposes to implement for calendar year 2023, including BE measures. Public Service explains, while the Company first introduced its existing BE offerings as part of its 2021-22 DSM Plan, this filing is the Company's first DSM Plan to incorporate the new BE Plan elements required by Senate Bill 21-246, effective September 7, 2021.

3. Through Decision No. C22-0530-I, issued September 8, 2022, the Commission established the following parties to this Proceeding: Public Service, Trial Staff of the Commission, the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate, Colorado Energy Office, City and County of Denver, City of Boulder, Climax Molybdenum Company, Colorado Energy Consumers Group, Energy Efficiency Business Coalition, Energy Outreach Colorado, Iconergy LTD, Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, and Western Resource Advocates.

4. On September 15, 2022, the Commission issued Decision No. C22-0547-I, which among other requests, granted the Company's Unopposed Joint Motion to Approve for Approval of Consensus Procedural Schedule, which included an Answer Testimony deadline of Monday, November 21, 2022, and a Rebuttal/Cross-Answer deadline of Monday, January 9, 2023.

C. Motion

5. The Motion explains that the Parties are currently engaging in ongoing settlement negotiations and believe that extending the Answer Testimony deadline by two weeks and the Rebuttal Testimony/Cross-Answer Testimony deadline by approximately one week would be beneficial to these discussions.

6. Public Service requests that the deadline for Answer Testimony be extended to Monday, December 5, 2022, and the deadline for Rebuttal/Cross-Answer Testimony be extended to Tuesday, January 17, 2023.

7. Public Service also requests that discovery deadlines correspond to the proposed testimony extensions, consistent with Rule 1405(d), and notes that all other deadlines within the approved procedural schedule shall remain in place.

8. Public Service states that because the Motion is unopposed, the Company requests that the Commission waive response time, pursuant to Rule 1308(c). In addition, given the imminent Answer Testimony deadline of November 21, 2022, under the current procedural schedule, Public Service also requests that the Commission issue an expedited decision by Monday, November 21, 2022.

D. Findings and Conclusions

9. Public Service conferred with all the intervening parties in this Proceeding and no party opposes the Motion. We therefore find good cause to waive the remaining response time.

10. We find that good cause exists to grant the motion, which means the Answer Testimony Deadline is extended to Monday, December 5, 2022, and the Rebuttal/Cross-Answer

Testimony deadline is extended to Tuesday, January 17, 2023. The Commission waives response time to this unopposed Motion.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion to Amend Testimony Deadlines and Request for Waiver of Response Time and an Expedited Decision (Motion), filed by Public Service Company of Colorado, on November 15, 2022, is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. The remaining response time to the Motion is waived.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

B. **ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING November 16, 2022.**

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