

Decision No. R22-0791-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22AL-0187E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1886 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 ELECTRIC TARIFF TO REVISE ITS REVENUE DECOUPLING ADJUSTMENT PILOT TARIFF (RDA PILOT TARIFF), TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2022.

**INTERIM DECISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
CONOR F. FARLEY
VACATING REMOTE HEARING**

Mailed Date: December 9, 2022

I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. The following summary of the procedural history includes only those events that are most relevant to this interim decision.

2. On April 29, 2022, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed Advice Letter No. 1886-Electric that seeks to adjust its Revenue Decoupling Adjustment (RDA) for Residential and Small Commercial customers.

3. On May 19, 2022, the Colorado Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (UCA) filed a Letter of Protest.

4. On May 24, 2022, Public Service filed a response to UCA's Letter of Protest.

5. On May 27, 2022, the Commission issued Decision No. C22-0331 that set the tariffs filed with Advice Letter No. 1886-Electric for hearing and referred the proceeding to an

Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

6. On May 31, 2022 and June 16, 2022, the UCA and Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission filed Notices of Intervention as of Right, respectively.

7. On July 1, 2022, the ALJ issued Decision No. R22-0402-I that acknowledged the interventions of Staff and UCA, set a remote prehearing conference for July 20, 2022, directed Public Service to confer with intervenors about a procedural schedule and discovery procedures, and directed Public Service to file a report by July 15, 2022 detailing the results of the conferral (Conferral Report).

8. On July 11, 2022, the ALJ granted a request to extend the deadline to file the Conferral Report to July 18, 2022.

9. On July 18, 2022, Public Service filed the Conferral Report and an Unopposed Motion to Approve Procedural Schedule, Establish Procedures for Discovery, and Request for Waiver of Response Time (Unopposed Motion). In the Conferral Report and Unopposed Motion, Public Service stated that the parties had agreed to a procedural schedule that included, among other things, a deadline for settlement agreements of December 7, 2022 and a remote hearing on December 14 through 15, 2022 (Consensus Schedule).

10. On July 27, 2022, the ALJ issued Decision No. R22-0434-I that, among other things, adopted in large part the Consensus schedule. Most importantly for purposes of this interim decision, the ALJ adopted the December 7, 2022 proposed deadline for the filing of settlement agreements, and the proposed dates of December 14 through 15, 2022 for the remote hearing.

11. On November 29, 2022, the parties filed a Joint Motion to Approve Settlement Agreement and Request for Waiver of Response Time (Joint Motion). The parties attached their Settlement Agreement to the Joint Motion.

B. Analysis

12. The ALJ has reviewed the timely-filed Joint Motion and the Settlement Agreement. Based on that review, the ALJ has determined that the December 14-15, 2022 hearing is unnecessary in light of the information contained in those documents. Accordingly, the hearing will be vacated. A Recommended Decision addressing the Settlement Agreement will issue as soon as reasonably possible.

II. ORDER

A. It is Ordered That:

1. The remote hearing scheduled for December 14 through 15, 2022 in this proceeding is vacated.

2. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Harris Adams".

G. Harris Adams,
Interim Director