Decision No. C25-0836-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0442E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2024 JUST TRANSITION SOLICITATION.

INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION SETTING SHORTENED RESPONSE TIME TO JOINT MOTION

Issued Date: November 20, 2025 Adopted Date: November 19, 2025

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

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On November 17, 2025, the Colorado Independent Energy Association, the Clean Energy Industries (comprising the Colorado Solar and Storage Association, the Solar Energy Industries Association, and Advanced Energy United), and the Interwest Energy Alliance (collectively, the "IPP Trade Associations") filed a Joint Motion requesting that the Commission administratively stay or hold in abeyance the procedural schedule set forth in Paragraph 406 of Decision No. C25-0747 ("Phase I Decision") in this Proceeding ("Motion").

2. In Paragraph 406 of the Phase I Decision, the Commission directed the following:

To facilitate the development of minimally negotiable PPAs, we find it appropriate to resolve several of the key disputed issues, including provisions regarding security requirements, events of default, *force majeure*, and transfer limitation. Within 14 days of this Decision, Public Service shall submit updated versions of each PPA that incorporates our directives. The Company must include both clean and redline versions. Intervenor comments on the revised PPAs, including redlined versions with proposed language, are due within 14 days of the Company's submission of the revised PPAs. Any reply comments and updated PPA language from Public Service are due within 14 days after intervenor comments. The Commission will target issuing a decision within 21 days of the reply comments and may convene a technical conference, as necessary. This will result in a final set of PPAs to which bids must conform for the base RFP.

- 3. The Motion seeks to pause the procedural schedule for the post-hearing contract process outlined in Paragraph 406 ("Contract Litigation Process"), pending the Commission's written decision on an Application for Rehearing, Reargument, or Reconsideration ("RRR").
- 4. The IPP Trade Associations argue that proceeding with the Contract Litigation Process before resolving applications for RRR would prejudice parties' due process rights, as they would be required to comply with a process they are simultaneously challenging on RRR. They also contend the overlapping timelines would create administrative inefficiencies and risk unnecessary expenditure of resources, including the ratepayer-funded litigation costs of Public Service Company of Colorado ("Public Service"), if the process is later modified or reversed. Additionally, the Motion highlights the difficulty of meaningful participation over the Thanksgiving and winter holidays.
- 5. The Motion includes a request for shortened response time, citing the urgency of the November 20, 2025 deadline for Public Service's initial filing under Paragraph 406, and the need to avoid procedural burdens due to upcoming Thanksgiving holiday. The IPP Trade Associations request that responses to the Motion be due by November 21, 2025.

- 6. The IPP Trade Associations indicate they have conferred with parties pursuant to Rule 1400, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1. Onward Energy Management, LLC supports the Motion; Pivot Energy and the Coalition for Community Solar Access do not oppose it; and Public Service opposes the Motion. All other parties take no position or did not respond.
- 7. We find good cause to grant the request for shortened response time. Responses to the Motion shall be filed by 5:00 p.m. on November 21, 2025.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

- 1. The request for shortened response time within the Motion filed jointly on November 17, 2025, by the Colorado Independent Energy Association, the Colorado Solar and Storage Association, the Solar Energy Industries Association, and Advanced Energy United, and the Interwest Energy Alliance is granted, consistent with the discussion above.
 - 2. Responses to the motion shall be filed by 5:00 p.m. November 21, 2025.

- 3. This Decision is effective immediately upon its Issued Date.
- B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING NOVEMBER 19, 2025.



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