

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25AL-0059E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1977 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO IMPLEMENT PRO RATA INTERCONNECTION COST SHARING FOR QUALIFIED COMMUNITY SOLAR GARDEN PROJECTS PURSUANT TO SENATE BILL 24-207, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE MARCH 2, 2025.

**INTERIM DECISION GRANTING JOINT MOTION TO
MODIFY PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Issued Date: May 20, 2025

I. STATEMENT

A. Background

1. On January 30, 2025, Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service”) filed Advice Letter No. 1977 with modified tariff sheets that initiated this proceeding (“Advice Letter”).
2. On February 18, 2025 and February 20, 2025, Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (“Staff”) and Colorado Solar and Storage Association (“COSSA”), the Solar Energy Industries Association, and the Coalition for Community Solar Access (“CCSA”) (collectively, “Joint Solar Parties”) filed protests to the Advice Letter, respectively. Both Protests asked the Commission to set the matter for hearing and suspend the effective date of the tariff sheets filed with the Advice Letter. In their Protest, Joint Solar Parties also requested that this proceeding be consolidated with Proceeding No. 24A-0547E in which the Commission is considering Public Service’s proposed 2025-2029 Distribution System Plan (“DSP”) (“Motion to Consolidate”). Joint Solar Parties stated that they had conferred with Public Service regarding the

consolidation request and Public Service stated that it did not have a position at the time, but reserved the right to take a position and respond to the motion in the future. Joint Solar Parties also stated that they were unable to “connect” with Staff regarding Staff’s position on the Motion to Consolidate. Neither Public Service nor Staff have filed a response to the Motion to Consolidate.

3. On February 28, 2025, the Commission issued Decision No. C25-0148 that set for hearing the tariff sheets filed with Advice Letter No. 1977, which suspended their effective date for 120 days (through June 30, 2025); established an intervention period through March 28, 2025; and referred the proceeding to an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”). The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

4. On March 24, 2025 and April 9, 2025, Joint Solar Parties and SunShare, LLC (“SunShare”) filed a Motion to Intervene and a Motion for Leave to Intervene, respectively (collectively, “Motions to Intervene”).

5. On March 24, 2025, Staff filed a Notice of Intervention.

6. On April 11, 2025, the ALJ issued Decision No. R25-0284-I that granted the Motions to Intervene, denied the Motion to Consolidate, scheduled a remote prehearing conference for April 23, 2025 at 1:30 p.m., and required the parties to confer regarding a procedural schedule and for Public Service to file a report of conferral by noon on April 21, 2025.

7. On April 17, 2025, Public Service filed the Conferral Report in which it reported that the parties had agreed to a procedural schedule (“Consensus Schedule”).

8. On April 22, 2025, the ALJ issued Decision No. R25-0309-I that, in part, accepted the Consensus Schedule.

9. On May 14, 2025, the Joint Solar Parties filed a Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule (“Joint Motion”) requesting to modify the Consensus Schedule as follows:

<u>Event</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>New Deadline</u>
Answer Testimony	May 19, 2025	May 27, 2025
Rebuttal/Cross-Answer Testimony	June 16, 2025	June 20, 2025
Stipulations Settlement Agreement(s) Corrections Prehearing Motions Witness List Cross-Examination Matrix	June 27, 2025	Same
Evidentiary Hearing	July 1, 2025	Same
Statements of Position	July 30, 2025	Same

As support for the Joint Motion, the Joint Solar Parties state that the parties have been engaged in settlement negotiations and it would be more efficient to allow more time for those discussions to take place before the intervening parties are required to file Answer testimony. The Joint Solar Parties state that the Joint Motion is unopposed.

B. Analysis

10. The Joint Solar Parties have stated good cause to grant the Joint Motion. Accordingly, it will be granted.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Joint Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule filed by Colorado Solar and Storage Association, the Solar Energy Industries Association, and the Coalition for Community Solar Access on May 14, 2025 is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Issued Date.

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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 cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director