

Decision No. R25-0405-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25A-0044EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF THE MOUNTAIN ENERGY PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPLY.

**INTERIM DECISION SCHEDULING
PUBLIC COMMENT HEARINGS**

Issued Date: May 28, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On January 16, 2025, Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service”) filed an application for approval and authorization of the Mountain Energy Project as well as requests for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the compressed and liquefied natural gas supplemental supply components of the project.

2. By Decision No. C25-0173, issued on March 11, 2025, the Commission referred this matter to Megan M. Gilman as Hearing Commissioner for an initial decision pursuant to § 40-6-109(6), C.R.S.

3. By Decision No. R25-0266-I, issued on April 10, 2025, the Hearing Commissioner established a procedural schedule for this Proceeding, including an evidentiary hearing on August 12 through 14, 2025, and approved discovery and hearing procedures.

4. This Decision adds two public comments hearings to the procedural schedule in this matter.

B. Discussion, Findings, and Conclusions

5. On March 26, 2025, Public Service timely filed an Unopposed Joint Motion Pursuant to Decision No. R25-0197-I for Approval of Consensus Procedural Schedule and Provisions for Discovery (“Procedural Schedule Motion”). Through the Procedural Schedule Motion, the parties also suggested the Commission hold at least one public hearing in this Proceeding.

6. On April 22, 2025, in Decision No. C25-0297-I,¹ the Hearing Commissioner established the procedural schedule, scheduled a remote evidentiary hearing, and set procedures for the evidentiary hearing for this Proceeding (“Procedural Schedule Decision”). The Procedural Schedule Decision indicated that the Hearing Commissioner would schedule a public comment hearing by a separate decision.

7. The Hearing Commissioner will conduct a public hearing in Frisco, Colorado, on Wednesday, June 25, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The hearing will take place at Summit County Community and Senior Center, 0083 Nancy's Place, CR 1014, Frisco, CO 80443.

8. In addition, the Hearing Commissioner will conduct a remote public comment hearing on August 4, 2025, held in two parts, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The remote public comment hearing will be held using the web-based video conferencing Zoom platform. Members of the public cannot attend the remote public comment hearing in-person. Additional information about participation in the public comment hearings, such as the sign-up sheet, and all relevant information on how to log on to the remote public

¹ The Hearing Commissioner will be issuing an errata to Decision No. C25-0297-I, that will correct the Decision No. to R25-0297-I.

comment hearings will be made available on the Commission's public calendar at: <https://puc.colorado.gov/puccalendar>.

9. The remote public comment hearing will be webcast on the Commission's website. This means that those persons wishing to observe but not participate in the public comment hearing may do so by watching the webcast. To observe the remote public comment hearing, enter this link in a web browser <https://puc.colorado.gov/webcasts> and select the audio or video option for Hearing Room A. The Commission encourages interested persons who do not wish to provide comments at the remote public comment hearing to observe it through the webcast rather than Zoom. Doing so will help minimize background noise during the hearing and may assist in the orderly progression of the hearing.

10. A court reporter will live transcribe each of the public comment hearings to create a written record of the comments received. Commenters should give their full name, and spell it, before they give their comments. In general, commenters will be called to speak in the order in which they sign up. The Hearing Commissioner may adopt procedures and time limits for comments as necessary to ensure that all members of the public have the opportunity to comment, and the transcribed record is clear and understandable. Typical time limits range from one to three minutes for each commenter. To ensure the hearing time is used efficiently, commenters are requested to avoid repetitive comments that re-state filed written comments or repeat oral comments already provided at hearing. As discussed below, written public comment can be filed at any time in the proceeding and will be afforded the same weight as oral comments. Finally, the purpose of a public comment hearing is to provide an opportunity for members of the public to provide oral comments. To that end, parties to the Proceeding and their representatives are not permitted to present comments. Individuals may present comments on their own behalf.

11. The Commission will publicize the public comment hearings by press release, announce them on the Commission's public calendar, and make it known by other avenues to the extent resources are available.

12. Participating in the public comment hearing is not the only way to provide comments in this Proceeding. We encourage interested persons to provide written or oral public comments at any time this Proceeding is open. Please include "Proceeding No. 25A-0044EG" in the public comments. Public comments can be provided by:

- Submitting written comments through the Commission's Electronic Filing System (E-Filings) at: <https://www.dora.state.co.us/pls/efi/EFI.homepage>.
- Submitting written comments using the Commission's online form or through email at dora_puc_website@state.co.us. These comments will be posted in E-Filings for this Proceeding.
- Mailing comments to the Commission's offices at: Colorado Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, CO 80202.
- Calling (303) 869-3490 to leave oral comments (available in both English and Spanish options).

13. Finally, the Commission strives to accommodate all members of the public at its hearings and meetings by providing services for foreign language users and persons with disabilities upon receipt of a reasonable accommodation request. Requests for such accommodations should be made at least one week prior to the event by completing the Language Access Form available at the Commission's webcast page.²

II. **ORDER**

A. **It Is Ordered That:**

1. A public comment hearing in Frisco, Colorado, is scheduled as follows:

DATE: June 25, 2025

² <https://puc.colorado.gov/webcasts>.

TIME: 5:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Summit County Community and Senior Center
0083 Nancy's Place, CR 1014
Frisco, CO 80443

2. A remote public comment hearing is scheduled as follows:

DATE: August 4, 2025

TIME: 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m.

METHOD: By video conference or telephone using the Zoom web conferencing platform at a link emailed to all those who register to participate in the public comment hearing.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Issued Date.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MEGAN M. GILMAN

Hearing Commissioner

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director