

ATTACHMENT A

Commission Questions Regarding Resource Planning for Cooperative Generation
and Transmission Associations

1. Are the *legal* standards for issuing a CPCN for a major generation or transmission facility in Colorado different as between an investor-owned utility (*e.g.*, Public Service Company of Colorado) and a not-for-profit generation or transmission facility owned by rural electric cooperative associations (*e.g.*, Tri-State)?
2. Should the *policy* standards for issuing a CPCN for a major generation or transmission facility in Colorado be different as between an investor-owned utility (*e.g.*, Public Service Company of Colorado) and a cooperative generation and transmission association (*e.g.*, Tri-State)?
3. Can the Commission legally require a utility to have an approved ERP plan as a condition precedent to approving an application for a CPCN for a major generation facility?
4. What is the practice in other states with comparable authority to the Colorado PUC with respect to CPCN applications from entities over which the state commission has limited authority?
5. Under Options B and C outlined in this Order, the Commission contemplates possible hearings on the proposed resource plan for a cooperative generation and transmission association. What steps can the Commission take to ensure that the hearing process is as streamlined and efficient as possible in each case?
6. In addition to the options described in this Order, what other options are available to the Commission to exercise appropriate oversight for the resource planning activities of cooperative generation and transmission associations?