

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 12M-041E

IN THE MATTER OF DEVELOPING SCENARIOS CONCERNING THE FUTURE OF
COLORADO'S ELECTRIC UTILITY SERVICE.

DECISION CLOSING PROCEEDING

Mailed Date: February 26, 2014
Adopted Date: February 26, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Background

1. On January 17, 2012, the Commission opened Proceeding No. 12M-041E to investigate scenario development in the context of Colorado regulatory decision making. (Decision No. C12-0039).

2. Our expectation in opening this proceeding was that Commission Staff (Staff) would explore scenario planning in the context of electric utility regulation and develop a scenario development process appropriate for the needs of the Commission with a set of independent, plausible scenarios for the future of Colorado's electric utility sector.

3. Staff was assisted by external scenario planning expertise, Energy Environmental Economics (E3), funded through a grant from the National Association of Utility Regulatory Commissions (NARUC).

4. From March through September 2012, Staff worked with E3 to establish a scenario development process. As part of that process, two workshops were held where interested parties commented on potential drivers for scenarios and on a set of initial scenarios.

Written comments were also solicited; comments were received from Colorado Independent Energy Association; Board of Waterworks of Pueblo and the Fountain Valley Authority; Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.; Western Resource Advocates; Alan Logan; Noble Energy, Inc., and EnCana Oil & Gas (USA), Inc., (Colorado Gas Producers); Interwest Energy Alliance; Leslie Glustrom; Karey Christ-Janer; Black Hills/Colorado Electric Utility Company, LP; Public Service Company of Colorado; and The Vote Solar Initiative.

5. In September 2012 Staff completed the scenario development process and drafted several scenarios, which were included in the NARUC Report, “Scenario Planning in a Utility Regulatory Context.” That report was filed in this proceeding on February 13, 2014.

6. After discussions with Commissioners, Staff revised its draft scenarios and included them in the Staff Report “Scenario Planning at the Colorado Public Utilities Commission.” That report was also filed in this proceeding on February 19, 2014.

7. Staff has completed the process anticipated when we opened this proceeding and has provided a summary report that can be referenced should we seek further exploration of scenarios.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. The scenario development process has been researched by Commission Staff. The purpose of this proceeding has been achieved.

2. This proceeding is closed.

3. The 20-day time period provided by § 40-6-114, C.R.S., to file an application for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration shall begin on the first day after the effective date of this Decision.

4. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
February 26, 2013.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

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ABSENT.