

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14V-0188E

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT IT FILE A 2015-2017 RENEWABLE ENERGY STANDARD COMPLIANCE PLAN ON OR BEFORE MARCH 14, 2014 AND A WAIVER FROM RULE 1206(D) TO SHORTEN COMMISSION NOTICE AND INTERVENTION PERIOD TO MARCH 4, 2014.

**INTERIM DECISION SHORTENING
COMMISSION NOTICE AND
INTERVENTION PERIOD TO MARCH 7, 2014**

Mailed Date: March 6, 2014
Adopted Date: March 5, 2014

TO THE PARTIES IN THIS MATTER AND ALL INTERESTED PERSONS, FIRMS, OR CORPORATIONS:

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of the Petition filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) on February 28, 2014 for a Variance from the Requirement that It File a 2015-2017 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan on or Before March 14, 2014 and a Partial Waiver from Rule 1206(d) to Shorten Commission Notice and Intervention Period to March 4, 2014.

2. Public Service states that the requirement for the Company to file a 2015-2017 RES Plan on or before March 14, 2014 is found in Decision No. C13-0275, Proceeding No. 13V-008E issued March 1, 2013, ¶ 13. Public Service requests an extension of time to file its 2015 RES Plan up to and including 60 days after the final decision on

its 2014 RES Plan, Proceeding No. 13A-0836E. The Company also asks that the Commission separate RES planning for compliance years 2016 and 2017 from the 2015 RES Plan filing, so that the Commission decisions in the future proceeding on net metering issues can be taken into account when looking at years 2016 and 2017. Finally, the Company asks that the Commission shorten the notice and intervention period to March 4, 2014, so that the merits of the Petition can be considered prior to the March 14, 2014 due date for filing a 2015-2017 RES Plan. Public Service states that it is serving a copy of its Petition on all parties and *amici curiae* involved in its 2014 RES Plan.

3. Public Service states that numerous issues remain currently in dispute in the 2014 RES Plan and that Commission determinations on some of the issues in the 2014 RES Plan will directly impact the issues in the next RES Plan. The Company also asks that RES planning for compliance years 2016 and 2017 be separated from the 2015 RES plan filing so that Commission determinations on net metering issues can be taken into account when looking at years 2016 and 2017. In support of that request, Public Service points out that the Commission recently stated that a careful review of the net metering issues will likely continue into 2015.¹

4. The Petition is available for public inspection at the Commission's office located at 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., excluding weekends and state holidays. **This Decision is the notice that Public Service Company of Colorado has filed a Petition for a Variance from the Requirement that It File a 2015-2017 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan on or Before March 14, 2014.**

¹ Decision No. C14-0219-I, Proceeding No. 13A-086E issued February 2, 2014, ¶ 45.

5. We find good cause to shorten the Commission notice and intervention period to **5:00 p.m., March 7, 2014**. We will consider the merits of the Petition during our March 12, 2014 weekly meeting.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The request to shorten Commission notice and intervention period, contained in the Petition filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) on February 28, 2014 for a Variance from the Requirement that It File a 2015-2017 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan on or Before March 14, 2014 (Petition) is granted, in part.

2. The notice and intervention period for the Petition shall expire at **5:00 p.m. on March 7, 2014**.

3. Any person desiring to intervene or participate as a party in this proceeding, including Staff of the Commission, shall file a petition for leave to intervene, or under the Rules of Practice and Procedure, file other appropriate pleadings to become a party, by **March 7, 2014**. Alternatively, persons who do not wish to intervene or become a party, but desire to file comments, may send written comments addressed to the Public Utilities Commission, 1560 Broadway, Suite 250, Denver, Colorado 80202. All persons who file an objection, notice of intervention as of right, motion to permissively intervene, or any other appropriate pleading shall do so in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Rules of Practice and Procedure and this Decision.

4. The Commission may consider the Petition without a hearing if no notice of intervention as of right or motion to permissively intervene is timely filed, or no notice of

intervention as of right or motion to permissively intervene requests a hearing or contests or opposes the Petition.

5. If a hearing is required in this matter, the Commission will notify the parties of the hearing date, time, and location. Public Service must appear at the hearing, if one is set, and present evidence in support of its Petition. Other parties may appear and present evidence in support of their positions.

6. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
March 5, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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