

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 13M-0019E

IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITY TRANSMISSION FACILITIES FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IS REQUIRED OR THE FILING OF A FORMAL DETERMINATION THAT NO CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.

**DECISION REGARDING CERTIFICATION
OF TRI-STATE GENERATION AND
TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION FACILITIES**

Mailed Date: March 28, 2014

Adopted Date: March 26, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. Rule 3206(c) of the Commission's Rules Regulating Electric Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-3, requires each Colorado electric utility to file with the Commission, no later than April 30 of each year, information on its proposed new construction or extensions of transmission facilities for the next three calendar years.

2. Rule 3206(d)(2)(A) provides that the Commission will give notice of the filing of data to all those who, in the opinion of the Commission, are interested persons, firms, or corporations. The Commission gave notice that information was available for inspection at the offices of the Commission in Decision No. C13-0608-I, effective May 29, 2013.

3. Seven projects listed in the filing provided by Tri- State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State) were not listed in Decision No. C13-0879 issued July 17, 2013, regarding the certification of facilities.

4. The seven projects filed by Tri-State but not included in Decision No. C13-0879 regarding the certification of facilities are:

- a) Lost Canyon 115/24.9 kV Delivery Point;
- b) Kersey 115-24.9 kV Delivery Point;
- c) Pueblo West Tap Line Uprate;
- d) Deering Lake 115 kV Delivery Point;
- e) Falcon T2 Replacement;
- f) La Junta (TS) 2nd 115/69 kV Transformer; and
- g) Rinn Valley 2nd 40 MVA Transformer.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. No certificate of public convenience and necessity shall be required for the following Tri-State Generation and Transmission, Inc. projects:

- a) Lost Canyon 115/24.9 kV Delivery Point;
- b) Kersey 115-24.9 kV Delivery Point;
- c) Pueblo West Tap Line Uprate;
- d) Deering Lake 115 kV Delivery Point;
- e) Falcon T2 Replacement;
- f) La Junta (TS) 2nd 115/69 kV Transformer; and
- g) Rinn Valley 2nd 40 MVA Transformer.

2. The 20-day period provided for in § 40-6-114, C.R.S., within which to file applications for rehearing, reargument, or reconsideration begins on the first day following the effective date of this Decision.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
March 26, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

JOSHUA B. EPEL

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Commissioners

COMMISSIONER PAMELA J. PATTON
ABSENT.