

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0301E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL TO ISSUE TARGETED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO ACQUIRE GENERATION RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE SOLAR*CONNECT PROGRAM.

**INTERIM DECISION DENYING REQUEST FOR
SHORTENED NOTICE AND INTERVENTION PERIOD**

Mailed Date: April 11, 2014
Adopted Date: April 9, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a request for a shortened notice and intervention period regarding the Application for Approval to Issue Targeted Request for Proposals to Acquire Generation Resources to Support the Solar*Connect Program (Application) filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) on April 3, 2014.

2. We deny the request for a shortened notice and intervention period as discussed below.

B. Discussion and Findings

3. Public Service seeks approval of a competitive solicitation to acquire new photovoltaic (PV) generation facilities totaling up to approximately 50 MW. The acquired PV resources would support the Company's proposed Solar*Connect program.

4. Public Service explains in the Application that, with respect to the Solar*Connect Program, the Company also filed on April 3, 2014 an application for approval of the new product offering.¹ Public Service states in the Application that it wants the implementation of the competitive solicitation to proceed on a “parallel path” with the Commission’s consideration of its Solar*Connect application. Application, at 2.

5. Within the Application is a request that the Commission shorten the notice and intervention period for this proceeding to ten days.² Application, at 2 and 7. The Company states that the primary reason to expedite this proceeding is the expiration on December 31, 2016 of the 30 percent Investment Tax Credit (ITC) applicable to the construction of new PV generation facilities. Public Service further states that after January 1, 2017, the applicable ITC will decrease to 10 percent and that, if this proceeding is not concluded in sufficient time, the decreased ITC would “greatly increase the net costs to construct the PV generation facility sought by the RFP.” Application, at 2.

6. In addition, Public Service requests that the Commission issue its final decision approving issuance of the Request for Proposals (RFP) within 60 days after the end of the notice period. Application, at 3.

7. We deny the request for a shortened notice and intervention period. Public Service has not met its burden of showing the need for a ten-day notice and intervention period. We further find that potential parties may require more than ten days to review the application and the related filings in Proceeding No. 14A-0302E concerning the proposed

¹ The Solar*Connect application was filed in Proceeding No. 14A-0302E.

² No such request was made for the related proceeding concerning the Solar*Connect program, Proceeding No. 14A-0302E.

Solar*Connect program. Therefore, a full 30-day notice and intervention period for the Application is warranted.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The request for a shortened notice and intervention period set forth in the Application for Approval to Issue Targeted Request for Proposals to Acquire Generation Resources to Support the Solar*Connect Program filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on April 3, 2014 is denied, consistent with the discussion above.

2. In accordance with the Notice of Application Filed issued by the Commission on April 4, 2014, requests for intervention in this matter shall be filed no later than May 5, 2014.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

B. **ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING April 9, 2014.**

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