

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0414E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION AND THE COLORADO SOLAR ENERGIES INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION.

**INTERIM DECISION SHORTENING NOTICE AND
INTERVENTION PERIOD TO MAY 16, 2014**

Mailed Date: May 7, 2014
Adopted Date: May 7, 2014

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

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement and Findings

1. On May 5, 2014, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed an Application for approval of a stipulation and agreement reached by the Company, the Solar Energy Industry Association (SEIA), and the Colorado Solar Energy Industry Association (CoSEIA). The stipulation and agreement concerns the reopening of the Medium Solar*Rewards Program and the extension of the Small Solar*Rewards Program for the acquisition of on-site solar resources pending the issuance and implementation of the Commission's final decision on Public Service's 2014 Renewable Energy Standard (RES) Compliance Plan in Proceeding No. 13A-0836E.

2. Under the proposed terms of the stipulation and agreement, Public Service would reopen the Medium Solar*Rewards Program and the small program would continue

uninterrupted as the Commission considers the Company's 2014 RES Compliance Plan in Proceeding No. 13A-0836E. The stipulation and agreement also set forth proposed subsidies, acquisition amounts, and program implementation provisions.

3. The stipulation and agreement recognizes that the Commission's approval of the 2014 RES Compliance Plan will supersede all terms of the proposed settlement here. For instance, the total on-site solar capacity subscribed under the Medium Solar*Rewards Program will be subtracted from the capacity approved by the Commission for Public Service to acquire under the Medium Solar*Rewards Program in the 2014 RES Compliance Plan. Likewise, for the Small Solar*Rewards Program, any capacity subscribed under the stipulation and agreement will count toward fulfillment of any acquisition targets and subsidy levels set forth in the approved 2014 RES Compliance Plan.

4. Public Service also filed on May 5, 2014, a Motion for Shortened Notice. The Company proposes a ten-day notice and intervention period to expedite the Commission's consideration and approval of the Application.

5. Public Service states that that the parties in Public Service's 2014 RES Compliance Plan proceeding, Proceeding No. 13A-0836E, have been served a copy of the settlement.

6. We conclude that a shortened intervention is reasonable and we will shorten the notice and intervention period to **May 16, 2014**.

7. The Application 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 the Application filed**

by Public Service requesting Commission approval of a stipulation and agreement reached by the Company, SEIA, and CoSEIA has been filed.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Response time to the Motion for Shortened Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) on May 5, 2014 is waived and the motion is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. Any person desiring to intervene or participate as a party in this proceeding, including Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, shall file a petition for leave to intervene or, under the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1, other appropriate pleadings to become a party no later **May 16, 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.

3. The Commission may consider the Application for approval of a stipulation and agreement reached by Public Service, the Solar Energy Industry Association, and the Colorado Solar Energy Industry Association 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 Application.

4. 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 Application. Other parties may appear and present evidence in support of their position.

5. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
May 7, 2014.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners

COMMISSIONER GLENN A. VAAD
ABSENT.