

Decision No. R14-0072-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 13M-0915G

IN THE MATTER OF REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY
OF COLORADO FOR PIPELINE INTEGRITY EXPENDITURES.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
MANA L. JENNINGS-FADER
GRANTING JOINT MOTION, MODIFYING
FILING DATES, AND WAIVING RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: January 17, 2014

I. STATEMENT

1. On August 8, 2013, by Decision No. C13-0964 issued in Proceeding No. 10AL-963G, the Commission opened this Proceeding and referred it to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

2. By Commission decision, the Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service), and Trial Staff of the Commission (Staff) are parties in this Proceeding.

3. On October 25, 2013, by Decision No. R13-1348-I, the ALJ permitted Colorado Natural Gas, Inc. (CNG), to intervene in this Proceeding.

4. CNG, OCC, Public Service, and Staff, collectively, are the Parties. Each is represented by legal counsel.

5. The procedural history of this matter is set out in previously-issued Interim Decisions. The ALJ repeats the procedural history here as necessary to put this Interim Decision in context.

6. On November 21, 2013, by Decision No. R13-1455-I, the ALJ scheduled a February 10, 2014 hearing and established the procedural schedule in this Proceeding.

7. On January 16, 2014, the Parties filed a Joint Motion for Commission Approval of Extension of Time to File a Joint Comment and to Vacate Response Comments (Joint Motion). In that filing, the Parties also request waiver of response time.

8. The ALJ finds that the request for waiver of response time states good cause and that no party will be prejudiced if the request for waiver is granted. The ALJ will grant the request for waiver of response time and will waive response time to the Joint Motion.

9. In the Joint Motion, the Parties state that they

have conferred regarding the required content of Public Service's annual [Pipeline System Integrity Adjustment (PSIA)] October advice letter filings, the annual April PSIA report filings, and the appropriate process to be used to review each type of filing. The Parties are in agreement about several aspects of the required contents for filing and filing review process, and are optimistic about being able to address all relevant issues to this proceeding in a joint comment.

Joint Motion at ¶ 5. To allow additional time for continued discussion and for preparation of written comments, the Parties request modifications to the procedural schedule.

10. The ALJ finds that the Joint Motion states good cause and that no party will be prejudiced if the Joint Motion is granted. The ALJ will grant the Joint Motion and will modify the procedural schedule.

11. The Parties propose, and the ALJ finds acceptable and will adopt, the following modifications to the procedural schedule established in Decision No. R13-1455-I: (a) not later than **January 24, 2014**, the Parties will file their joint comment; (b) in the event the Parties do not reach full agreement on all issues, not later than **January 24, 2014**, each party will file its

comments on the issues as to which there is not full agreement;¹ and (c) no response comments will be filed.

12. Except as modified by this Interim Decision, the provisions of Decision No. R13-1455-I remain in effect.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Joint Motion for Commission Approval of Extension of Time to File a Joint Comment and to Vacate Response Comments is granted.

2. The procedural schedule established in Decision No. R13-1455-I is modified as follows: (a) not later than January 24, 2014, the Parties shall file their joint comments; (b) in the Parties do not reach full agreement on all issues, not later than January 24, 2014, each party shall file its comments on the issues as to which there is not full agreement; and (c) no response comments shall be filed.

3. Except as modified by this Interim Decision, the provisions of Decision No. R13-1455-I (including the scheduled February 10, 2014 hearing) remain in full effect and govern this Proceeding.

4. The request to waive response time to the Joint Motion for Commission Approval of Extension of Time to File a Joint Comment and to Vacate Response Comments is granted.

5. Response time to the Joint Motion for Commission Approval of Extension of Time to File a Joint Comment and to Vacate Response Comments is waived.

¹ This includes the situation in which some, but not all parties, reach agreement on an issue.

6. The Parties are held to the advisements contained in Interim Decisions issued in this Proceeding.

7. This Interim Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MANA L. JENNINGS-FADER

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director