

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO**

PROCEEDING NO. 20A-0082E

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IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF  
COLORADO FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY  
FOR THE HIGH POINT SUBSTATION PROJECT.

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**INTERIM DECISION OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE  
ROBERT I. GARVEY  
SETTING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

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Mailed Date: April 27, 2020

**I. STATEMENT**

1. On March 2, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) filed its Verified Application for approval of the High Point Distribution 230/13.8 kV, 50 Mega Volt Ampere Substation Project (Project), which includes approximately 3.5 miles of new 230 kV double-circuit transmission line that will tap into the existing 5277 Spruce-Green Valley 230 kV transmission line. Public Service also requests that, in granting this certificate of public convenience and necessity, the Commission make specific findings with respect to the reasonableness of the noise and magnetic field levels that result from operating the Project.

2. On April 2, 2020, the Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC) filed its Notice of Intervention of Right, Entry of Appearance, and Request for Hearing. The OCC is an intervenor as of right and a party in this proceeding. The OCC listed a series of issues they wish to investigate.

3. On April 6, 2020, Trial Staff of the Commission (Staff) timely filed its Notice of Intervention as of Right, Entry of Appearance, Notice Pursuant to Rule 1007(a) and

Rule 1403(b), and Request for Hearing. The intervention is of right, and Staff is a party in this matter.

4. On April 15, 2020, by minute order, Proceeding No. 20A-0082E was referred to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ).

## **II. PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

5. It is necessary to schedule a hearing to establish a procedural schedule, and to discuss discovery and other matters. A prehearing conference will be held on May 26, 2020.

6. The undersigned ALJ expects the Parties to come to the prehearing conference with proposed dates for disclosures, including hearing dates, for the procedural schedule. The Parties must confer prior to the prehearing conference with respect to the listed matters and are encouraged to present, if possible, a procedural schedule and hearing dates that are acceptable to all Parties.

7. Under the circumstances, the ALJ finds it is more appropriate hold the prehearing conference remotely. The hearing will be held using the web-hosted video conferencing service, GoToMeeting.

8. A link to the video conference will be provided to the parties by email prior to the prehearing conference.

9. If the Parties reach agreement on a procedural schedule, they may file the proposed procedural schedule and a motion to vacate the prehearing conference

### III. ORDER

#### A. It Is Ordered That:

1. A prehearing conference in this matter is scheduled for the following date, at the following time, and in the following location:

DATE: May 26, 2020

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

METHOD: Online, using GoToMeeting's platform for video conferencing.  
The Link will be provided to Parties by email

2. This Decision shall be effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

ROBERT I. GARVEY

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Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,  
Director