

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20V-0159EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE JOINT PETITION OF ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION, COLORADO NATURAL GAS, PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO, BLACK HILLS COLORADO GAS, INC., BLACK HILLS COLORADO ELECTRIC, INC., AND ROCKY MOUNTAIN NATURAL GAS LLC FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRACK EXPENSES RESULTING FROM THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 AND RECORD AND DEFER SUCH EXPENSES INTO A REGULATORY ASSET.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
MELODY MIRBABA
GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION TO MODIFY
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE**

Mailed Date: June 23, 2020

I. STATEMENT

1. Only the procedural history necessary to understand this Decision is included. This matter concerns the above-captioned Joint Petition which Atmos Energy Corporation, Colorado Natural Gas, Inc., Public Service Company of Colorado, Black Hills Colorado Gas, Inc., Black Hills Colorado Electric, Inc., and Rocky Mountain Natural Gas LLC (collectively, Joint Petitioners), filed on April 7, 2020. Colorado Public Utilities Trial Staff and the Office of Consumer Counsel are the only interveners in this proceeding.

2. On June 2, 2020, the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) established a procedural schedule and set a hearing on the above-captioned matter. Decision No. R20-0414-I. That schedule requires Joint Petitioners to file their written direct testimony on or by June 25, 2020.

3. On June 23, 2020, Joint Petitioners filed an Unopposed Motion to Approve an Amended Procedural Schedule to Extend Direct Testimony Deadline (Motion). Joint Petitioners

request an extension of the deadline to file and serve direct testimony until July 9, 2020. The Motion seeks to delay filing direct testimony to allow additional time for continued settlement discussions that may affect the overall scope or schedule of this proceeding. Joint Petitioners state that no other procedural schedule changes are necessary at this time.

4. Because the Motion is unopposed, the ALJ finds good cause to waive the response time to the Motion and will do so. Rule 1400(b) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1.

5. The ALJ finds that Joint Petitioners have established good cause for the short extension to file direct testimony; the Motion will be granted. All other requirements in Decision No. R20-414-I remain in place.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. As discussed, the response time to the Unopposed Motion to Approve an Amended Procedural Schedule to Extend Direct Testimony Deadline filed on June 23, 2020 is waived, and the Motion is granted.

2. The Joint Petitioners must file and serve their direct testimony no later than close of business on July 9, 2020.

3. The Decision does not modify any other aspects of Decision No. R20-0414-I.

4. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MELODY MIRBABA

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director