

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 20A-0327E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR AN ORDER APPROVING EXPENSES INCURRED FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 2019 THROUGH DECEMBER 2019 THAT ARE RECOVERED THROUGH THE ELECTRIC COMMODITY ADJUSTMENT AND APPROVING THE CALCULATION OF 2019 SHORT TERM SALES MARGINS.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
CONOR F. FARLEY
SCHEDULING A REMOTE PREHEARING
CONFERENCE AND REQUIRING PARTIES TO CONFER
AND FILE A REPORT REGARDING THE CONFERRAL
BEFORE THE REMOTE PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: September 28, 2020

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Background

1. On August 3, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) filed the Verified Application that commenced this proceeding. With the Application, PSCo filed the testimony of Brooke A. Trammel, Alexander G. Trowbridge, Kathryn A. Kladis, Hari Singh, and Mark G. Schultz.

2. On August 5, 2020, the Commission issued notice of the Application.

3. On August 31, 2020 and September 2, 2020, the Office of Consumer Counsel and Trial Staff of the Commission filed notices of intervention by right and entries of appearance, respectively.

4. On September 9, 2020, the Commission issued a minute order deeming the Application complete and referring the proceeding to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) for disposition. The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ.

B. Remote Prehearing Conference

5. It is appropriate to hold a prehearing conference in this proceeding. The ALJ finds that holding the prehearing conference remotely is consistent with current public health advisories to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The ALJ concludes that it is in the parties' and the public interest to hold the prehearing conference remotely. Accordingly, a remote prehearing conference shall be scheduled for October 21, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. Attachment A to this Decision provides the information addressing how to use the GoToMeeting platform for participating in the remote prehearing conference.

6. PSCo and the other parties shall confer in advance of the remote prehearing conference regarding a schedule for this proceeding. PSCo shall file a report of the results of the conferral. If there is agreement on a procedural schedule, the report shall state as much and detail the stipulated procedural schedule and associated discovery procedures. If agreement is not achieved, the report shall state as much and identify the competing schedules and discovery procedures. For purposes of developing a schedule, the latest date on which the hearing must conclude is January 14, 2021, which is based on the assumption that the proceeding will be decided within the 250-day deadline provided by § 40-6-109.5(1), C.R.S. The deadline to file the report shall be October 16, 2020.

7. All parties must appear at the remote prehearing conference. Failure to attend or to participate in the remote prehearing conference is a waiver of any objection to the rulings

made, to the procedural schedule established, and to the hearing dates scheduled during the remote prehearing conference.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo), Trial Staff of the Commission, and the Office of Consumer Counsel are the parties to this proceeding.

2. A remote prehearing conference in this proceeding is scheduled as follows:

DATE: October 21, 2020

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

FOR WEBCASTS: Hearing Room B

METHOD: Join by video conference at the link to be provided by an email from the Administrative Law Judge

3. PSCo shall file the report of the conferral identified above on or before October 16, 2020.

4. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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

Doug Dean,
Director