

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
GRANTING UNOPPOSED MOTION TO AMEND
PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE AND REQUEST FOR
WAIVER OF RESPONSE TIME, ESTABLISHING
DEADLINES FOR FILING SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,
MOTION TO APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT,
AND TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SETTLEMENT
AGREEMENT, AND SCHEDULING REMOTE HEARING
ON THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

Mailed Date: December 15, 2020

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I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Background

1. A more complete summary of the procedural background of this proceeding is included in Decision Nos. R20-0691-I and R20-0742-I that issued on September 28, 2020 and October 20, 2020, respectively. The background that is most relevant to this decision is recited below.

2. On August 3, 2020, Public Service Company of Colorado (PSCo) filed the Verified Application that commenced this proceeding.

3. On October 20, 2020, the Administrative Law Judge issued Decision No. R20-0742-I that, among other things, established a procedural schedule.

4. On December 11, 2020, PSCo filed a Notice of Settlement in Principle, Unopposed Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule, and Request for Waiver of Response Time (Unopposed Motion). In the Unopposed Motion, PSCo requests that the current procedural schedule be amended by: (a) vacating the deadline for rebuttal/cross-answer testimony; (b) establishing December 18, 2020 as the deadline for filing the settlement agreement (Settlement Agreement); (c) establishing January 4, 2021 as the deadline for filing testimony in support of the Settlement Agreement; and (d) that a remote hearing on the Settlement Agreement be held on either January 6 or 7, 2021.

B. Analysis

5. PSCo has stated good cause to grant the Unopposed Motion. Accordingly, the Unopposed Motion shall be granted and the schedule established in Decision No. R20-0742-I, including the hearing scheduled for January 6-7, 2021, shall be vacated. The deadlines to file the Settlement Agreement and a Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement, and to file testimony

in support of the Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Agreement, shall be December 18, 2020 and January 4, 2021, respectively. In addition, the hearing on the Settlement Agreement shall be held, as necessary, on January 13, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., and it shall be held remotely, meaning that the participants will appear from remote locations. For the same reasons stated in Decision No. R20-0742-I regarding the originally-scheduled hearing, the ALJ concludes that it is in the parties' and the public interest to hold the hearing on the Settlement Agreement as a remote hearing.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. For the reasons stated above, the Notice of Settlement in Principle, Unopposed Motion to Amend Procedural Schedule, and Request for Waiver of Response Time (Unopposed Motion) filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on December 11, 2020, is granted.
2. Response time to the Unopposed Motion is waived.
3. The deadline to file the Settlement Agreement and a Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement is December 18, 2020.
4. The deadline to file testimony in support of the Settlement Agreement and the Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement is January 4, 2021.
5. The remote hearing currently scheduled for January 6 and 7, 2021 is vacated.
6. A remote hearing on the Motion to Approve the Settlement Agreement and the Settlement Agreement is scheduled as follows:

DATES: January 13, 2021

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 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

7. Nobody should attend the remote hearing on the Settlement Agreement in-person.
8. The parties should follow the instructions for participating in, and observing, the remote hearing, and for presenting exhibits electronically at the remote hearing, contained in Attachments A and B to Decision No. R20-0742-I.
9. 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