

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

CASE NO. 6396

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IN THE MATTER OF THE DESIGNATION OF ELECTRIC UTILITY TRANSMISSION FACILITIES AND ELECTRIC UTILITY GENERATION FACILITIES FOR WHICH AN APPLICATION TO OBTAIN A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY IS REQUIRED, OR THE FILING OF A FORMAL DETERMINATION THAT NO CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED.

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**ORDER OF THE COMMISSION  
GIVING NOTICE OF FILING**

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Mailed Date: June 1, 2004  
Adopted Date: May 26, 2004

**I. BY THE COMMISSION**

**A. Statement**

1. Rule 18 of the Commission's Electric Utility Rules, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-3, requires each Colorado electric utility to file with the Commission no later than April 30 of each year, information on its proposed new construction or extensions of transmission and generation facilities for the next three calendar years, as described in Rules 18(d) and 18(e).

2. Rule 18(g) provides that the information filed by each utility shall be public information, and available for inspection at the offices of the Commission during regular business hours. The rule further provides that the Commission will give notice of the filing of data to all those who in the opinion of the Commission, are interested persons, firms, or corporations. Any interested person, firm, or corporation may file comments in regard to the projects identified by the data filed with the Commission within 15 days of the filing of data. The Commission will allow comments to be filed 15 days after the mailing of this decision.

3. The following utilities have filed information on proposed construction projects as listed:

**INVESTOR-OWNED UTILITIES**

Public Service Company of Colorado

1. Steamboat Looped Transmission, in-service September 2004, CPCN granted per Decision No. C03-0335.
2. Midway-Daniels Park 345kV Rebuild Alternative, in-service June 2005, CPCN granted per Decision No. R03-1308.
3. Rocky Mountain Energy Center 230/345kV Interconnection, in-service May 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C02-716.
4. Green Valley-Spruce 230/345kV Interconnection Transmission Line, in-service May 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C02-716.
5. Denver Terminal-Dakota-Arapahoe 230kV transmission Line, in-service May 2005, CPCN granted per Decision No. C03-0946.
6. Chambers 230/115kV Transmission Intertie Project, in-service May 2005, CPCN granted per Decision No. C03-1055.
7. Valmont-Boulder Terminal 115kV Transmission Line upgrade, in-service June 2006, no CPCN required per Decision No. C02-716.
8. Boone-Lamar Uprate, in-service May 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C02-716.
9. Lamar 345kV Tieline, in-service January 2005 (CPCN granted per Decision No. R01-604 with stipulations).
10. Broomfield-Semper 115kV Double Circuit Transmission Line, in-service May 2006, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
11. Comanche-Reader 115kV transmission Line Upgrade, in-service December 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
12. Shoshone-Rifle 69kV to 115kV Upgrade, in-service May 2006, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
13. Soda Lakes 230-115kV autotransformer, in-service May 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
14. Comanche-Midway-Daniels Park 345kV line, in-service April 2009 – new filing.

15. Comanche No. 3 750MW Coal fired Generation, in-service October 2009 – new filing.

Aquila (formerly WestPlains Energy)

1. Arequa Gulch Substation (formerly Squaw Mountain Substation), in-service 4th quarter 2007, no CPCN required per Decision No. C00-932.
2. Canon West-Arequa Gulch (formerly Squaw Mountain) 115kV Transmission Line, in-service 4th quarter 2007, no CPCN required per Decision No. C00-932).
3. Colorado Springs Water Project, in-service 3rd quarter 2007, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
4. West Station Breaker Addition, in-service 2nd quarter 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
5. Reader Substation Upgrade, in-service 2nd quarter 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
6. Airport Industrial Park Substation Addition, in-service 2nd quarter 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
7. Canon West Substation Capacitor Bank Upgrade, in-service 2nd quarter 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
8. Freemary Substation Addition, in-service 4th quarter 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
9. PDA 115kV Transmission Line, in-service 2nd quarter 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
10. PDA Substation, in-service 2nd quarter 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
11. Burnt Mill Substation, in-service 3rd quarter 2007 – new filing.
12. East Canon Substation, in-service 3rd quarter 2006 – new filing.

**RURAL ELECTRIC ASSOCIATIONS**

Holy Cross Energy

1. No filing submitted.

Intermountain Rural Electric Association, Inc.

1. Sulphur 230kV Substation, in service May 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
2. Lemon Gulch 230kV Substation, in service August 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
3. Lemon Gulch 230kV Transmission Line, in service August 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
4. Deer Creek Substation Modification, in-service October 2004 , no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
5. Castle Rock- Crystal Valley 115kV Transmission Line, in-service January 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
6. Crystal Valley-Greenland-Palmer Lake 115kV Transmission Line, in-service October 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
7. Palmer Lake Substation Modification, in-service January 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
8. Bennett Substation Modification, in-service September 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
9. Strasburg Substation Upgrade, in-service September 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
10. Strasburg Transmission Substation Upgrade, in-service September 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
11. Castle Rock Substation Terminal Addition, in-service October 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
12. Crystal Valley 115kV Substation, in-service October 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C01-746.
13. Greenland Substation Modification, in-service October 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C01-746.
14. Como Substation, in-service August 2006 – new filing.
15. Shawnee Substation, in-service October 2006 – new filing.
16. Sulphur Substation, in-service June 2006 – new filing.

La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

1. Elmore-Bayfield 46kV Uprate, in-service August 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.

Mountain View Electric Association, Inc.

1. Meridian Ranch 115/69kV to 12.5kV Substation Transformer, in-service August 2006, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
2. Apple Tree Substation, in-service August 2006, no CPCN required per Decision No. C02-716.
3. City of Colorado Springs Water Pumping Station, in-service 2006, no CPCN required per decision C03-0707.
4. Black Squirrel to Peyton Transmission Line Upgrade, in-service August 2007 – new filing.

Poudre Valley Rural Electric Association, Inc.

1. Owens-Illinois Substation 115-12.5kV and 115kV Transmission Line, in-service October 2004 – new filing.

San Miguel Power Association

A response was filed but no projects were submitted.

Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc.

1. Black Squirrel-Monument 69kV line Uprate, in-service December 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C02-716.
2. Cahone-Nucla 115kV Transmission Line Uprate, in-service December 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C98-533.
3. Erie Switch-Rinn Valley 115kV Project, in-service September 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C00-932.
4. I-25 Corridor 115kv Loop Project, in-service June 2004, no CPCN required per Decision No. C00-932.
5. Nucla-Telluride 115kV Transmission Line, in-service December 2005 (CPCN granted per Decision No. C01-1059).
6. Colorado/New Mexico 230kV Interconnection, in-service June 2005 (CPCN granted with stipulations per Decision No. R01-1074).
7. Hotchkiss-Spring Creek Tap 115kV Line Uprate, in-service December 2006, no CPCN required per Decision No. C01-661.

8. Bayfield-Durango 115kV Line Uprate, in-service December 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C02-716.
9. Garnet Mesa 115kV Loop Service, in-service December 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
10. Red Willow-Wauneta 115kV Line reconductor, in-service June 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
11. Richard Lake-Wellington 115kv Loop Project, in-service December 2005, no CPCN required per Decision No. C03-0707.
12. Bayfield-Pagosa 115kV Loop Project, in-service December 2006, CPCN determination required per Decision No. C03-0707.
13. Durango-Hesperus 115kV Loop, in-service December 2006, CPCN determination required per Decision No. C03-0707.
14. United Power System Improvement Project – Phase I, in-service December 2003 – new filing.
15. United Power System Improvement Project – Phase II, in-service December 2004 – new filing.
16. United Power System Improvement Project – Phase III, in-service December 2006 – new filing.
17. Crested Butte Loop Alternative Project, in-service December 2004 – new filing.
18. Wray Tap #2-Wray (WAPA) 115kV Backup, in-service December 2007 – new filing.
19. Black Squirrel-Peyton 115kV Delivery Point, in-service December 2007 – new filing.

## **II. ORDER**

### **A. The Commission Orders That:**

1. Notice is hereby given that the above investor-owned utilities and rural electric cooperative associations have submitted information about the proposed construction of transmission and generation facilities in accordance with Rule 18 of the Rules Regulating the Service of Electric Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-3. Under that rule, you are

notified that the information is available for inspection at the offices of the Commission during regular business hours.

2. Any interested person, firm, or corporation may file comments about the projects identified by the data now filed with the Commission within 15 days after the Mailed Date of this Decision. The Commission will consider any comments in determining which projects do not require a certificate of public convenience and necessity and for which projects the utility will be required to file an application for a certificate of public convenience and necessity or a formal determination that a certificate is not required.

3. This Order is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING  
May 26, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

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Commissioners