

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

DOCKET NO. 03A-192E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF TRI-STATE GENERATION AND TRANSMISSION ASSOCIATION, INC., P.O. BOX 33695, DENVER, COLORADO FOR A DETERMINATION UNDER 29-20-108(5), C.R.S., THAT THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SAN MIGUEL COUNTY, COLORADO, ON TRI-STATE'S PROPOSED NUCLA-TELLURIDE 115 KV TRANSMISSION LINE PROJECT WILL UNREASONABLY IMPAIR TRI-STATE'S ABILITY TO PROVIDE SAFE, RELIABLE, AND ECONOMICAL SERVICE TO THE PUBLIC.

ORDER SETTING SCHEDULING CONFERENCE

Mailed Date: December 8, 2004
Adopted Date: December 7, 2004

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of the Joint Request that the Public Utilities Commission Resolve Remaining Cost Disputes filed on October 25, 2004 by San Miguel County and the Coalition of Concerned San Miguel County Homeowners (collectively Intervenors). The motion requests that the Commission resolve disputes regarding the cost information submitted on September 15, 2004 by Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. (Tri-State), pursuant to Decision No. C04-0093. The Intervenors request that the Commission schedule an evidentiary hearing to allow cross-examination of the consultants that prepared the cost information regarding construction of the Nucla-Telluride Project.

2. Now being duly advised, we will hold a scheduling conference at 1:30 p.m. on December 21, 2004 to address procedural matters. Parties shall come prepared to inform the Commission whether additional hearings or some other means would be more efficient in

resolving the cost information disputes. Tri-State shall inform the Commission in writing before or orally at the scheduling conference what schedules must be fixed with respect to resolving the cost information disputes and conclusion of a payment agreement between the parties, if required, in order for construction of the Nucla-Telluride Project to be completed in 2005.

II. ORDER

A. The Commission Orders That:

1. A scheduling conference to address the unresolved matters discussed above will be held at the following date, time, and place:

DATE: December 21, 2004

TIME: 1:30 p.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room
1580 Logan Street, OL2
Denver, Colorado

2. This Order is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
December 7, 2004.**

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

Commissioners