

Decision No. C14-1018-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0302E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS SOLAR*CONNECT PROGRAM.

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0301E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL TO ISSUE TARGETED REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS TO ACQUIRE GENERATION RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE SOLAR*CONNECT PROGRAM.

**INTERIM DECISION SHORTENING
RESPONSE TIME AND GRANTING
LEAVE TO FILE A REPLY TO RESPONSES**

Mailed Date: August 22, 2014
Adopted Date: August 20, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a Motion for Protective Order (Motion) filed on August 14, 2014 by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service of Company).

2. By the Motion, Public Service seeks to limit access to three natural gas price forecasts developed by private vendors and used by the Company to derive its “Four Source Blend” forecast. Public Service claims the three forecasts contain highly confidential proprietary information and therefore seeks to limit access to the forecasts and source materials only to the Commission, the advisors assigned to this proceeding, Trial Staff assigned to this proceeding, and their respective attorneys assigned to this proceeding.

3. Public Service also seeks a protective order to limit access to certain output files generated by its Statelist model. Specifically, the Company seeks highly confidential protection for general and specific plant and unit generating information, such as delivered fuel costs, heat rate curves, maintenance schedules, hourly market prices, and bid information. While the Company acknowledges that this information may already be protected pursuant to Rule 1101(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-1, and previous Commission decisions, Public Service seeks to confirm that the information remains protected as highly confidential. Public Service also seeks to limit disclosure of the information to the Commission, its Staff members working on this proceeding, employees of the Office of Consumer Counsel working on this proceeding, and their respective attorneys assigned to this proceeding.

4. In the Motion, Public Service requests that the Commission shorten the 14-day response time under Rule 1400(b) of the Rules Regulating Gas Utilities and Pipeline Operators, 4 CCR 723-4. Public Service further requests that the Commission require any response to demonstrate clearly why a party requires access to the particular information and why such access is important to the case the party intends to present. Public Service also anticipates that other parties may respond to the motion arguing that access to the information should be broader than proposed by the Company. Public Service therefore seeks leave to file a reply to the responses within five business days.

5. We find good cause to shorten response time to the Motion, as the deadlines for filing testimony are approaching. Responses to the Motion shall be filed no later than August 25, 2014. Given that this matter concerns the disclosure of information the Company has previously sought to protect as highly confidential, we also find it reasonable to allow Public Service to file a reply to any responses to the Motion. Any reply from Public Service shall be filed no later than

August 29, 2014. We decline to instruct the parties to include any particular lines of argument or reasoning in their responses.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Response time to the Motion for Protective Order (Motion) filed on August 14, 2014 by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service) is shortened to August 25, 2014.

2. Public Service’s request for leave to file a reply to any responses regarding the Motion is granted. Public Service shall file its reply no later than August 29, 2014.

3. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS’ WEEKLY MEETING
August 20, 2014.**

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Doug Dean,
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