

Decision No. C14-1244-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-0414E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF THE STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT WITH THE SOLAR ENERGY INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION AND THE COLORADO SOLAR ENERGIES INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION.

**INTERIM DECISION GRANTING
SHORTENED RESPONSE TIME**

Mailed Date: October 15, 2014
Adopted Date: October 15, 2014

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. This matter comes before the Commission for consideration of a request to shorten response time to the Motion to Extend the Operation of the Settlement Approved by Decision No. C14-0701 or for Alternative Relief (Motion) filed by Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) on October 8, 2014.

2. By Decision No. C14-0701 issued June 25, 2014, the Commission approved a stipulation and agreement (2014 Solar Settlement) entered into by Public Service, the Solar Energy Industries Association, Inc., and the Colorado Solar Energy Industries Association to extend the Company's Small Solar*Rewards Program with approved acquisitions of up to 20 MW and to reopen the Medium Solar*Rewards Program with approved acquisitions of up to 7 MW.

3. Public Service explains in the Motion that the terms of the 2014 Solar Settlement will expire on October 31, 2014. Public Service also states that the 20 MW of capacity for its Small Solar*Rewards program likely will be exhausted by the end of October 2014.

4. Public Service requests that the Commission extend the operation of the 2014 Solar Settlement until the effective date of the Commission's final decision in Proceeding No. 13A-0836E concerning its 2014 Renewable Energy Standard Compliance Plan. In the alternative, Public Service requests that the Commission enter a decision implementing certain approvals set forth in the Administrative Law Judge's recommended decision in Proceeding No. 13A-0836E, Decision No. R14-0902 issued July 31, 2014, on an interim basis until the effective date of the Commission's final decision in that proceeding.

5. Public Service argues that time is of the essence and that good cause exists for the Commission to shorten the response time to the Motion to seven calendar days so that the Commission may issue a written decision on the Motion before October 31, 2014. Public Service explains that copies of the Motion have been served by email on the parties to this proceeding as well as on the parties in Proceeding No. 13A-0836E.

B. Findings and Conclusions

6. We find good cause to shorten response time to the Motion. Responses to the motion shall be filed no later than October 17, 2014.

7. The Commission will take up the merits of the Motion by a separate decision.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Responses to the Motion to Extend the Operation of the Settlement Approved by Decision No. C14-0701 or for Alternative Relief (Motion) filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on October 8, 2014 is shortened, consistent with the discussion above.

2. Responses to the Motion shall be filed no later than October 17, 2014.

3. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
October 15, 2014.**

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