

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 14A-1057EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS ELECTRIC AND NATURAL GAS DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT (DSM) PLAN FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2015 AND 2016 AND TO CHANGE ITS ELECTRIC AND GAS DSM COST ADJUSTMENT RATES EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2015.

**INTERIM DECISION OF
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE
MELODY MIRBABA
SCHEDULING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Mailed Date: December 18, 2014

I. STATEMENT, FINDINGS, AND CONCLUSIONS

1. On October 30, 2014, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or the Company) filed an Application for Approval of its 2015-2016 Biennial Electric and Natural Gas Demand Side Management (DSM) Plan (Application), with supporting Direct Testimony and Exhibits. Public Service seeks Commission approval of several items set forth in its 2015 through 2016 DSM Plan. The Company also seeks approval of its proposed budgets for Saver's Switch and the proposed Demand Response Pilots of \$13.7 million and \$13.5 million, respectively, for 2015 and 2016. Public Service further seeks approval of the updated avoided costs and technical assumptions, including deemed savings, and net-to-gross ratios used for purposes of developing the 2015 through 2016 DSM Plan.

2. The Company also wants permission to exercise flexibility in how it implements the 2015 through 2016 DSM Plan, consistent with the parameters agreed to in the Stipulation and Settlement Agreement approved by the Commission in Decision No. R08-1243 in

Proceeding No. 08A-366EG on November 28, 2008, and reaffirmed in Decision No. R10-1336 in Proceeding No. 10A-471EG on December 16, 2010, Decision No. C11-0442 in Proceeding No. 10A-554EG on April 26, 2011, Decision No. R11-1326 in Proceeding No. 11A-631EG on December 9, 2011, and Decision No. R14-0389 in Proceeding No. 13A-0773EG on April 11, 2014.

3. Finally, the Company also seeks authority to count the energy savings from its proposed LED street lighting program towards achievement of its 400 GWh annual energy savings goal while excluding the net benefits realized from such installations from the calculations of the performance incentive.

4. Requests for intervention were timely filed by: Colorado Energy Consumers (CEC); the City of Boulder; Energy Outreach Colorado; Climax Molybdenum Company; CF&I Steel, L.P. doing business as Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel; the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project (SWEEP); the City and County of Denver; EnerNOC, Inc., the Energy Efficiency Business Coalition; Western Resource Advocates; and the Cities of Aurora, Centennial, Commerce City, Englewood, Glendale, Golden, Greenwood Village, Lafayette, Lakewood, Littleton, Thornton and Westminster, and the Town of Superior.

5. The Colorado Office of Consumer Counsel (OCC), the Colorado Energy Office, and Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission (Staff) also timely filed notices of intervention by right.

6. The OCC, Staff, CEC, and SWEEP request a hearing in this matter.

7. During its weekly meeting held December 10, 2014, the Commission deemed the Application complete, referred this matter to an administrative law judge (ALJ) for disposition,

ordered that a hearing be set before an ALJ, and that the ALJ address the requests for permissive intervention be addressed by the ALJ. Decision No. C14-1476-I, dated December 15, 2014.

8. The ALJ shall address the requests for intervention in a separate decision.

9. In anticipation of the hearing on the Application, the ALJ will schedule a prehearing conference, in accordance with Rule 1409(a) of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-1.

10. For purposes of this Decision only, all entities that have filed a request to permissively intervene are deemed parties to this proceeding.

11. The parties are expected to appear at the prehearing conference.

12. The parties are on notice that failure to appear at the prehearing conference may result in dismissal of the Application without prejudice, or an order denying an intervener the ability to participate in this proceeding.

II. **ORDER**

A. **It Is Ordered That:**

1. A prehearing conference in this proceeding is scheduled as follows:

DATE: January 8, 2015

TIME: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Commission Hearing Room
1560 Broadway, 2nd Floor
Denver, Colorado

2. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MELODY MIRBABA

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Doug Dean".

Doug Dean,
Director