

Decision No. R24-0582-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24M-0261G

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMMISSION'S EXAMINATION OF GAS SYSTEM FORECASTING, MAPPING, AND COST BENEFIT ANALYSIS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DECISION NO. C24-0092 ADDRESSING THE INAUGURAL GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO.

**INTERIM DECISION OF HEARING COMMISSIONER
MEGAN M. GILMAN
SCHEDULING WORKSHOP ON AUGUST 21, 2024**

Issued Date: August 13, 2024

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. By Decision No. C24-0376 issued on June 4, 2024, the Commission opened this Proceeding to examine Public Service Company of Colorado's ("Public Service" or the "Company") gas system load forecasting, mapping, and non-pipeline alternative cost benefit analysis ("CBA"). The three topics were identified in Decision C24-0092 issued on February 23, 2024, in Proceeding No. 23M-0234G (the "GIP Decision") as areas in which the Commission wanted to see progress prior to the filing of the Company's next Gas Infrastructure Plan ("GIP"). The Commission designated Commissioner Megan M. Gilman as Hearing Commissioner pursuant to § 40-6-101(2), C.R.S.

2. On July 3, 2024, Hearing Commissioner Gilman issued Interim Decision No. R24-0480-I ("Workplan Decision") scheduling two initial workshops and establishing a preliminary workflow for the Proceeding. The first workshop focused on issues related to gas load

system forecasting while the second focused on gas system mapping and non-pipeline alternative CBA.

3. In accordance with the Workplan Decision, on July 18, 2024, Hearing Commissioner Gilman held the first workshop in which Public Service and other invited stakeholder participants presented on and discussed, among other related topics, the magnitude and local aspects of the criteria listed in Rule 4553(b) of the Commission's Rules Regulating Gas Utilities, 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* ("CCR") 723-1, in the Company's future gas load forecasts. Hearing Commissioner Gilman then held the second workshop on July 29, 2024, in which Public Service and invited stakeholders presented on and discussed existing system mapping data and capacities and Public Service's CBA methodology.

4. As identified in the Workplan Decision, Hearing Commissioner Gilman intends to hold at least one follow-up workshop with Public Service involving outside experts who can speak on the Proceeding's three topics. The follow-up workshop is intended to build on the discussions held in the first two workshops and help the Commission further develop expectations for the Company in advance of its next GIP filing.

5. By this Decision, the Hearing Commissioner schedules a third workshop on Wednesday, August 21, 2024, to further examine the issues of gas load system forecasting, mapping, and CBA with the assistance of outside experts. Public Service is also asked to attend the workshop and be prepared to speak to each of these issues.

6. The workshop will be conducted using the web platform Zoom. Invited participants will be provided by email the link, meeting ID code, passcode, and call-in information to join the

Zoom session. However, the public may view through the Commission's website, as discussed below.

7. The workshop is scheduled to commence at 12:00 p.m. and will conclude no later than 4:00 p.m.

8. Consistent with Commission practice, the workshop will be webcast on the Commission's website. Persons wishing to observe may do so by observing the webcast on the PUC YouTube Channel at: youtube.com/@COPublicUtilitiesCommission/featured either live during the event or afterwards.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. Consistent with the discussion above, a workshop involving outside experts and addressing Public Service Company of Colorado's gas load system forecasting, mapping, and non-pipeline alternative CBA is scheduled as follows:

DATE: August 21, 2024

TIME: 12:00 p.m., continuing until concluded, but no later than 4:00 p.m.

PLACE: By video conference or telephone using the Zoom web conferencing platform at a link emailed to all those who register to participate in the workshop.

2. Those wishing to observe the August 21, 2024, workshop may do so by observing the Commission's webcast of the workshop on the PUC YouTube Channel at: youtube.com/@COPublicUtilitiesCommission/featured.

3. This Decision is effective immediately on its Issued Date.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MEGAN M. GILMAN

Hearing Commissioner

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rebecca E. White".

Rebecca E. White,
Director