

Decision No. C25-0480-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0547E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2025-2029 DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM PLAN AND THE GRID MODERNIZATION ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE.

PROCEEDING NO. 25A-0061E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO'S AGGREGATOR VIRTUAL POWER PLANT PROGRAM AND TARIFF, ALONG WITH ASSOCIATED PROGRAM BUDGET AND COST RECOVERY METHODOLOGY.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
MOTION FOR VARIANCE OR WAIVER FILED BY MR.
WILLIAM ALTHOUSE**

Issued Date: July 10, 2025

Adopted Date: July 9, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On December 16, 2024, Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service” or the “Company”) filed its Application for Approval of its 2025-2029 Distribution System Plan (“DSP”) and Grid Modernization Adjustment Clause (“Application”) in this Proceeding. On January 31, 2025, pursuant to Senate Bill (“SB”) 24-218, Public Service filed an Application for Approval of an Aggregator Virtual Power Plant in Proceeding No. 25A-0061E (Proceeding No. 25A-0061E or “AVPP Application”). This Proceeding is the consolidated docket of the AVPP Application and the DSP Application.

2. By this Decision, the Commission grants the Motion for Variance or Waiver filed by Mr. William Althouse on July 3, 2025 (“Variance Motion”).

3. Mr. Althouse shall strive to file his answer testimony within two business days after the July 9, 2025 Commissioners’ Weekly Meeting.

B. Background

4. On December 16, 2024, Public Service filed its DSP Application. On January 31, 2025, Public Service filed its AVPP Application.

5. By Decision No. C25-0154-I, the Commission deemed the DSP Application complete and granted the requests for permissive intervention filed by Colorado Energy Consumers Group (“CEC”); the City and County of Denver (“Denver”); the Interstate Renewable Energy Council (“IREC”); Pivot Energy Inc. (“Pivot”); the Eastern Metro Area Business Coalition (the “Eastern Metro Area Business Coalition”); the City of Boulder (“Boulder”); Holy Cross Electric Association Inc. (“Holy Cross”); Western Resource Advocates (“WRA”); Tesla, Inc. (“Tesla”); the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project and Natural Resource Defense Counsel, jointly (“SWEEP/NRDC”); Mission:data Coalition, Inc. (“Mission:data”); and filing jointly, the Colorado Solar and Storage Association (“COSSA”), the Solar Energy Industries Association (“SEIA”); the Coalition for Community Solar Access (“CCSA”), and the Advanced Energy United (“AEU”) (jointly the “Associations for Clean Energy,” or “ACE”). The Commission acknowledged the notices of intervention of right filed by Trial Staff of the Commission (“Staff”), the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (“UCA”), and the Colorado Energy Office (“CEO”). By Decision No. C25-0155-I, the Commission deemed the AVPP Application complete and established the parties to the AVPP Proceeding, including CEC; Pivot; Boulder; WRA; AEU; COSSA/SEIA/CCSA;

Colorado Renewable Energy Society; Mr. William Althouse; Solar United Neighbors; CEO; UCA; and Staff.

6. By Decision No. C25-0261-I, the Commission consolidated the DSP and AVPP Applications and established a procedural schedule for the consolidated proceeding. This Decision established a deadline of June 26, 2025 for the filing of answer testimony.

7. Mr. Althouse states in his Motion that he had technical difficulties that extended beyond one business day that prevented him from filing his answer testimony in a timely manner. As grounds for good cause, he states that he worked with Commission staff but was unable to resolve the technical issues on his end. He also reminds the Commission that his testimony will be helpful to the Proceeding as he represents the only voice of a prosumer in the Proceeding.

8. We find good cause to grant the motion for variance and allow Mr. Althouse to file his answer testimony late. Commission administrative staff confirms correspondence with Mr. Althouse on his attempts to file and we find that the short delay in time will not prejudice any party to the Proceeding. Mr. Althouse shall file his testimony as soon as possible so that parties may have adequate time to review. We also waive the remaining response time to the motion in order to ensure this testimony is filed as timely as possible.

9. Mr. Althouse is reminded that for any future motions he may need to file, it is incumbent on the filing party to confer with the other parties to the Proceeding pursuant to Commission Rule 1400(a).

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion filed by Mr. William Althouse on July 3, 2025, is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. Mr. Althouse shall file his answer testimony as soon as practicable and shall follow all other Commission guidance and decisions as applicable.

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

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
July 9, 2025.**

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Rebecca E. White,
Director

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