

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25A-0220G

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF ITS 2025-2030 GAS INFRASTRUCTURE PLAN, CERTIFICATES OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR FACILITIES, AND NON-PIPELINE ALTERNATIVES ("NPA") COST RECOVERY STRUCTURE.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION
ESTABLISHING PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE,
SCHEDULING TECHNICAL CONFERENCE,
SCHEDULING EVIDENTIARY HEARING, EXTENDING
DECISION DEADLINE, ADOPTING PROCEDURES FOR
EXHIBITS, ADDRESSING DISCOVERY PROVISIONS,
AND VACATING PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

Issued Date: September 10, 2025

Adopted Date: August 27, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On May 23, 2025, Public Service Company of Colorado ("Public Service" or the "Company") filed an Application requesting that the Commission approve its 2025-2030 Gas Infrastructure Plan ("GIP").

2. Through this Decision, the Commission establishes a procedural schedule for this Proceeding, including a remote evidentiary hearing *en banc* for the days of January 16 and January 20-23, 2026. Based on this procedural schedule, reached by consensus among the parties to this Proceeding, we extend the timeline for a decision under § 40-6-109.5(1), C.R.S.

We also vacate the prehearing conference scheduled on September 16, 2025, intended to establish a procedural schedule if no consensus had been reached.

3. In Attachment A to this Decision, the Commission provides instruction for how the remote evidentiary hearing will be conducted. Relatedly, in Attachment B to this Decision, the Commission sets forth procedures for the electronic submission of exhibits.

B. Procedural Background

4. By its Application, Public Service requests that the Commission approve its GIP and grant a presumption of prudence for the “Planned Projects” in the GIP as well as the associated cost estimates. Public Service further seeks a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Louisville to Rollins Pass Project and the Speer Canal Interconnects Project. The Company seeks further approval of its proposed non-pipeline alternative project cost recovery structure, using the existing electric and gas Demand-Side Management Cost Adjustments.

5. Public Service submitted pre-filed Direct Testimony and accompanying attachments of thirteen witnesses in support of the Application.

6. The Application was deemed complete on July 18, 2025, in accordance with § 40-6-109.5, C.R.S.

7. Through Decision No. C25-0553-I, the Commission set the matter for hearing and established the parties to this Proceeding: Trial Staff of the Commission (“Staff”); the Colorado Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (“UCA”); the Colorado Energy Office (“CEO”); the City and County of Denver (“Denver”); Colorado Communities for Climate Action (“CC4CA”); Natural Resources Defense Council, Rewiring America, Sierra Club, the Southwest Energy Efficiency Project, and Western Resource Advocates (collectively, the “Conservation Advocates”); Colorado Renewable Energy Society (“CRES”) and the Physicians for Social

Responsibility Colorado (“PSR-CO”) (jointly, “CRES/PSR-CO”); and Colorado Association of Home Builders and Home Builders Association of Metro Denver (jointly, “Home Builders”).

8. Through Decision No. C25-0585-I, the Commission directed Public Service to confer with the parties on a proposed procedural schedule and to file a motion to adopt a proposed procedural schedule.

9. On August 22, 2025, Public Service timely filed an unopposed joint motion for approval of a consensus procedural schedule and provisions for discovery (“Procedural Schedule Motion”). The motion also requests that the Commission vacate the September 16, 2025, prehearing conference scheduled through Decision No. C25-0585-I.

C. Findings and Conclusions

10. We find good cause to grant the Procedural Schedule Motion and establish the following schedule for this Proceeding:

Deadline/Action	Date
Supplemental Direct Testimony (Pursuant to Decision No. C25-0585-I)	September 30, 2025
Technical Conference	October 10, 2025
Answer Testimony	November 3, 2025
Rebuttal & Cross-Answer Testimony	December 5, 2025
Stipulations and Settlement Agreements & Settlement Testimony	January 5, 2026
Pre-Hearing Motions & Corrections	January 5, 2026
Cross Examination Matrix	January 8, 2026
Prehearing Conference	January 13, 2026
Remote <i>En Banc</i> Evidentiary Hearing	January 16 and January 20-23, 2025
Statements of Position	February 12, 2026

11. Because the Public Service and the intervening parties have agreed to the procedural schedule adopted by this Decision, we vacate the prehearing conference scheduled through Decision No. C25-0585-I for September 16, 2025.

12. In order to accommodate the above procedural schedule, we find the additional time permitted in § 40-6-109.5(1), C.R.S., is required in this Proceeding. We therefore extend the decision deadline in the Proceeding by the permitted 130 days allowed by statute.

13. We further adopt the discovery processes proposed in the Procedural Schedule Motion. Rule 1405 shall govern discovery in this Proceeding. We also note that the parties agree to provide to each other workpapers supporting Supplemental Direct, Answer, Rebuttal, or Cross-Answer Testimony no later than three business days after the filing of such testimony consistent with Commission rules.

14. The Commission schedules a fully remote *en banc* evidentiary hearing for the days of January 16 and January 20-23, 2026. A remote prehearing conference shall precede the hearing and is scheduled on January 13, 2026.

15. The evidentiary hearing will be conducted via video-conference using the Zoom platform. Attachment A to this Decision provides information about the Zoom platform and how to use Zoom to participate in the remote hearing. To minimize the potential that the hybrid hearing may be disrupted by non-participants, the link and meeting ID, or access code, to attend the hearing will be provided to the parties by email before the hearing, and the parties and witnesses will be prohibited from distributing that information to anyone not participating in the hearing.

16. Exhibits must be presented electronically at the evidentiary hearing. Attachment B to this Decision outlines the procedures and requirements for marking and formatting exhibits aimed at facilitating efficient and smooth electronic evidence presentations at the remote hearing.

It is extremely important that the parties carefully review and follow all requirements in Attachment B.

17. Hearing exhibits shall be marked numerically and sequentially for identification by the filing parties within their respective blocks of numbers. In order to efficiently organize the numbering and preparation of exhibits for the hearing, all parties shall use a unified numbering system for all hearing exhibits. Parties should not duplicate hearing exhibits or attachments previously filed by another party.

18. The party initiating the proceeding is assigned hearing exhibit numbers 100 to 299.

19. Each intervening person or entity is assigned a block of 100 hearing exhibit numbers (*e.g.*, 300-399, 400-499, etc.) assigned as outlined in the chart below. Due to the breadth and scope of the Proceeding, we assign from the outset two hearing exhibit blocks to the Company.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Unopposed Joint Motion Pursuant to Decision No. C25-0585-I for Approval of Consensus Procedural Schedule, Provisions for Discovery, and Request to Vacate September 16, 2025, Prehearing Conference filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on August 22, 2025, is granted, consistent with the discussion above.

2. The remote prehearing conference scheduled on September 16, 2025, by Decision No. C25-0585-I is vacated.

3. A remote technical conference is scheduled as follows:

DATE: October 10, 2025

TIME: 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

WEBCAST: Commission Hearing Room A

METHOD: Join by video conference using Zoom at the link to be provided in an email from Commission Administrative Staff

4. A remote prehearing conference is scheduled as follows:

DATE: January 13, 2026

TIME: 1:00 p.m.

WEBCAST: Commission Hearing Room A

METHOD: Join by video conference using Zoom at the link to be provided in an email from Commission Administrative Staff

5. A remote *en banc* evidentiary hearing is scheduled as follows:

DATE: January 16, 2025 and January 20-23, 2026

TIME: 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. on January 16, 20, 22, and 23, 2026;
1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. on January 21, 2026

WEBCAST: Commission Hearing Room A

METHOD: Join by videoconference using Zoom at the link to be provided to parties by e-mail from Commission Administrative Staff.

6. The decision deadline in this Proceeding is extended by the additional 130 days pursuant to § 40-6-109.5(1), C.R.S.

7. All participants must comply with the requirements in Attachments A and B to this Decision, which are incorporated into this Decision.

8. The rules governing discovery at 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-1405(b) and (d) shall apply.

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

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 27, 2025.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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