

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 24A-0560E

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY FOR A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE DENVER METRO TRANSMISSION NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, A CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR THE LEETSDALE-ELATI TRANSMISSION PROJECT, AND ASSOCIATED FINDINGS OF NOISE AND MAGNETIC FIELD REASONABLENESS.

**INTERIM DECISION VACATING AND RESCHEDULING
TECHNICAL CONFERENCE AND AMENDING DUE
DATE FOR ANSWER TESTIMONY**

Issued Date: April 8, 2025

I. STATEMENT

A. Relevant Procedural Background

1. On December 20, 2024, Public Service (“Public Service or “the Company”) filed its Application (“Application”) seeking issuance of Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity for the Denver Metro Transmission Network Improvement Project and the Leetsdale-Elati 230 kv (“kilovolt”) Underground Transmission Upgrade Project.

2. Concurrent with its Application, Public Service filed an Omnibus Motion for Extraordinary Protection of Highly Confidential Information (“Motion for Extraordinary Protection”) and for Waiver of Rules 3206(e)(IV)-(VI) and 3206(f)(IV)-(V) Regarding Noise and Magnetic Field Levels (“Motion for Waiver”).

3. The Commission issued a Notice of Application Filed on December 23, 2024. The Notice set a 30-day intervention period that ran through January 22, 2025.

4. On January 6, 2025, the Colorado Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate (“UCA”) filed a notice of intervention of right and request for hearing.

5. On January 27, 2025, Trial Staff of the Commission (“Staff”) filed a notice of intervention of right and request for hearing.

6. On January 31, 2025, the Commission issued Decision No. C25-0074-I that referred the proceeding to an Administrative Law Judge (“ALJ”). The proceeding was subsequently assigned to the undersigned ALJ. The Commission also directed Public Service to file supplemental direct testimony on four topics.

7. On February 28, 2025, the ALJ issued Decision No. R25-0149-I that, among other things, added three topics to the list of topics regarding which Public Service was required to submit supplemental direct testimony. Decision No. R25-0149-I also established March 14, 2025 as the deadline for Supplemental Direct Testimony.

8. On March 14, 2025, Public Service timely filed the Supplemental Direct Testimony requested by the Commission and the ALJ.

9. On April 2, 2025, the ALJ issued Decision No. R25-0245-I that scheduled a remote technical conference on April 8, 2025 to address topics identified in that decision. Decision No. R25-0245-I also stated that if any party has a scheduling conflict, it must confer with the other parties and then file a Motion to Reschedule the Technical Conference to a date that works for all parties.

10. On April 7, 2025, counsel for Public Service sent an email to the ALJ and copying counsel for the other parties stating that Public Service has a scheduling conflict with the April 8, 2025 date of the technical conference. Public Service had conferred with the other parties

and proposed rescheduling the technical conference to either April 21 or 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. The ALJ responded that April 22, 2025 worked best for the Commission.

11. Later on April 7, 2025, Public Service filed an Unopposed Motion to Reschedule Technical Conference, Amend Procedural Schedule, and for Waiver of Response Time (“Unopposed Motion”) in which Public Service formally moved to vacate and reschedule the technical conference to April 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Public Service also requests to amend the procedural schedule to change the due date for answer testimony from May 2, 2025 to May 9, 2025. Finally, Public Service states that the parties reserve the right to request further amendments to the procedural schedule if the ALJ orders further supplemental direct testimony or “modeling development” as a result of the technical conference.

B. Analysis

12. Public Service has established good cause to grant the Unopposed Motion. Accordingly, the Unopposed Motion shall be granted, the technical conference currently scheduled for April 8, 2025 will be vacated and rescheduled to April 22, 2025 at 9:00 a.m., and the deadline for answer testimony will be changed from May 2, 2025 to May 9, 2025.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. For the reasons stated above, the Unopposed Motion to Reschedule Technical Conference, Amend Procedural Schedule, and for Waiver of Response Time filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on April 7, 2025 (“Unopposed Motion”) is granted.

2. The remote technical conference currently scheduled for April 8, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. is vacated and rescheduled as follows:

DATE: April 22, 2025

TIME: 9:00 a.m.

WEBCAST: Commission Hearing Room

METHOD: Join by video conference using Zoom at the link to be provided in an email from Commission Administrative Staff¹

3. Nobody should appear in-person for the remote technical conference.
4. The procedural schedule is amended as stated above.
5. Response time to the Unopposed Motion is waived.
6. This Decision is effective immediately.

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THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

CONOR F. FARLEY

Administrative Law Judge

ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Rebecca E. White,
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¹ Additional information about the Zoom platform and how to use the platform are available at: <https://zoom.us/>. All are strongly encouraged to participate in a test meeting prior to the scheduled hearing. See <https://zoom.us/test>.