

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 25A-0044EG

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO FOR APPROVAL OF THE MOUNTAIN ENERGY PROJECT AND ASSOCIATED CERTIFICATE OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY FOR SUPPLEMENTAL SUPPLY.

**INTERIM DECISION GRANTING MOTION FOR
PARTIAL VARIANCE**

Issued Date: July 25, 2025

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement

1. On July 23, 2025, Public Service Company of Colorado (“Public Service”) filed a Motion for Partial Variance From Decision No. R25-0297-I To Extend Filing Date of Settlements and Request for Waiver of Response Time. Public Service filed the motion on behalf of all parties except the Office of the Utility Consumer Advocate. The motion requests an extension of the deadline for the parties to file a notice of settlement. The settlement deadline was July 23. The movants request the deadline be extended to July 29 and note that no other deadlines, including the deadline for settlement testimony to be filed, would move.

2. Public Service notes that the parties are working constructively towards a partial or complete settlement and that additional time would allow them to continue those discussions. The motion indicates that UCA opposes the request, “on the grounds that the procedural schedule in this Proceeding is already tight, all of the Parties agreed to the procedural schedule which was

approved by the Commission, this request for an extension of time prejudices UCA's preparation for the Hearing in this Proceeding, and negatively impacts other procedural schedule dates such as the filing of the cross-examination matrix and estimates and Prehearing Motions on July 31, 2025."

3. While I recognize that changing the settlement deadline may complicate workload planning for the parties, the Commission has long favored settlements because they often represent fair compromises on challenging and complex issues. Given this, and the fact that nearly all the parties believe it would be valuable to extend the deadline, I think it is worthwhile to allow the parties a few additional days to pursue settlement.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion for Partial Variance from Decision No. R25-0297-I to Extend Filing Date of Settlements and Request for Waiver of Response Time filed on July 23, 2025, by Public Service Company of Colorado is granted.

2. The deadline to file a notice of settlement will be extended to July 29, 2025.

3. This Decision is effective immediately.

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

MEGAN M. GILMAN

Hearing Commissioner

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

Rebecca E. White,
Director