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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. AD22-8-000]

Transmission Planning and Cost Management; Notice of Technical Conference

Take notice that the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (Commission) will convene a Commissioner-led technical conference regarding transmission planning and cost management for transmission facilities developed through local or regional transmission planning processes in the above-captioned proceeding on October 6, 2022, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

The technical conference will explore measures to ensure sufficient transparency into and cost effectiveness of local and regional transmission planning decisions, including: (1) The role of cost management measures in ensuring the cost effective identification of local transmission needs (*e.g.*, planning criteria) and solutions to address identified local transmission and regional reliability-related transmission needs; and (2) cost considerations and the processes through which transmission developers recover their costs to ensure just and reasonable transmission rates. The technical conference will also consider potential approaches to providing enhanced cost management measures and greater transparency and oversight if needed to ensure just and reasonable transmission rates, such as a role for an independent transmission monitor to the extent it is consistent with the Commission's authority.

Specific topics for discussion at the technical conference may include: (1) How transmission owners establish local transmission planning criteria and use their local transmission planning criteria to identify local transmission needs, and the effectiveness of cost management, transparency, and oversight measures in those processes; (2) how public utility transmission providers identify transmission projects in local and regional reliability

transmission planning processes; and (3) whether enhanced cost management, transparency, and oversight measures over: (a) Local and regional transmission planning processes, (b) the costs transmission owners expend on transmission facilities, (c) and the recovery of those costs through rates could help to ensure just and reasonable transmission rates.

Individuals interested in participating as panelists should submit a self-nomination email by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 16, 2022, to john.riehl@ferc.gov. Each nomination should state the proposed panelist's name, contact information, organizational affiliation, and what topics the proposed panelist would speak on.

The technical conference will be open to the public and there is no fee for attendance. An additional supplemental notice will be issued with further details regarding the technical conference agenda and logistics, as well as any changes in timing. Information will also be posted on the Calendar of Events on the Commission's website, www.ferc.gov, prior to the event.

The workshop will be transcribed and webcast. Transcripts will be available for a fee from Ace Reporting (202-347-3700). A link to the webcast of this event will be available in the Commission Calendar of Events at www.ferc.gov. The Capitol Connection provides technical support for the webcasts and offers the option of listening to the workshop via phone-bridge for a fee. For additional information, visit www.CapitolConnection.org or call (703) 993-3100.

Commission conferences are accessible under section 508 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. For accessibility accommodations, please send an email to accessibility@ferc.gov, call toll-free (866) 208-3372 (voice) or (202) 208-8659 (TTY), or send a fax to (202) 208-2106 with the required accommodations.

For more information about this technical conference, please contact John Riehl at john.riehl@ferc.gov or (202) 502-6026. For information related to logistics, please contact Sarah McKinley at sarah.mckinley@ferc.gov or (202) 502-8368.

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[Docket No. EL22-39-000]

Public Service Company of Colorado; Notice of Institution of Section 206 Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

On April 21, 2022, the Commission issued an order in Docket No. EL22-39-000, pursuant to section 206 of the Federal Power Act (FPA), 16 U.S.C. 824e, instituting an investigation into whether Public Service Company of Colorado's formula rate protocols are unjust, unreasonable, unduly discriminatory or preferential, or otherwise unlawful. *Public Service Company of Colorado*, 179 FERC ¶ 61,057 (2022).

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL22-39-000, established pursuant to section 206(b) of the FPA, will be the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Any interested person desiring to be heard in Docket No. EL22-39-000 must file a notice of intervention or motion to intervene, as appropriate, with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in accordance with Rule 214 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 18 CFR 385.214 (2021), within 21 days of the date of issuance of the order.

In addition to publishing the full text of this document in the **Federal Register**, the Commission provides all interested persons an opportunity to view and/or print the contents of this document via the internet through the Commission's Home Page (<http://www.ferc.gov>) using the "eLibrary" link. Enter the docket number excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. At this time, the Commission has suspended access to the Commission's Public Reference Room, due to the proclamation declaring a National Emergency concerning the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), issued by the President on March 13, 2020. For assistance, contact FERC at FERCOnlineSupport@ferc.gov or call toll-free, (866) 208-3676 or TTY, (202) 502-8659.

The Commission strongly encourages electronic filings of comments, protests and interventions in lieu of paper using the "eFile" link at <http://www.ferc.gov>. In lieu of electronic filing, you may submit a paper copy. Submissions sent via the U.S. Postal Service must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Room