

February 13, 2024

**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

The Honorable Kimberly D. Bose,  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
888 First Street, N.E.  
Washington, DC 20426

**RE: Public Service Company of Colorado  
Interconnection Study Metrics Processing Time Exceedance Report Q4  
2023  
Docket No. ER19-1864**

Dear Secretary Bose:

Pursuant to Rule 1907 of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's ("Commission") Rules of Practice and Procedure<sup>1</sup>, Public Service Company of Colorado ("PSCo"), submits this transmittal letter and the attached Interconnection Study Metrics Processing Time Exceedance Report Q4 2023 (the "Report"). PSCo submits this informational report consistent with the requirements set forth in Order Nos. 845 and 845-A<sup>2</sup> and Section 3.5.3 of Attachment N of Xcel Energy Operating Companies Open Access Transmission Tariff, which contains PSCo's Large Generator Interconnection Procedures ("LGIP").

**1. Background**

PSCo is a wholly owned utility operating company subsidiary of Xcel Energy Inc. PSCo is a vertically-integrated electric utility and, *inter alia*, owns and operates transmission facilities in the State of Colorado. PSCo provides wholesale transmission service, *inter alia*, pursuant to the Xcel Energy Operating Companies Joint Open Access Transmission Tariff ("Xcel Energy OATT") on file with and accepted by the Commission.<sup>3</sup> Individual PSCo service agreements are on file with the Commission in PSCo's FERC Electric Tariff Second Revised Volume No. 5.

**2. Description of the Report**

The attached Exceedance Report explains that PSCo did not complete any studies, late or otherwise, during Q4 2023 due to the transition process under PSCo's revised Larger Generator Interconnection Process (LGIP) that was approved by the Commission in Docket No. ER23-629-001, effective June 3, 2023. Under PSCo's revised LGIP, all Interconnection Customers were required to

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<sup>1</sup> 18 C.F.R. 385.1907 (2019)

<sup>2</sup> Reform of Generator Interconnection Procedures and Agreements, Order No. 845, 163 FERC ¶ 61,043 ("Order No. 845"), order on reh'g, 166 FERC ¶ 61,137 (2019) ("Order No. 845-A").

<sup>3</sup> The Xcel Energy OATT was restated in eTariff and accepted for filing in *Public Service Company of Colorado*, Docket No. ER16-1422-000, unpublished letter order (August 16, 2016).

either withdraw or transition their Interconnection Requests within 120 days after the effective date, or October 2, 2023.<sup>4</sup> PSCo has initiated the Transitional Cluster Study under the revised LGIP.

### **Communications and Correspondence**

Communications and correspondence with respect to this filing should be directed to each of the following:<sup>5</sup>

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### **3. Conclusion**

Because this Report is for informational purposes and will not be formally noticed nor require Commission action<sup>6</sup>, PSCo respectfully requests that the Commission accept this Report for filing and take no further action on the Report.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Jessica Willey*

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On behalf of Public Service Company of Colorado

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<sup>4</sup> PSCo notes that only three project transitioned under the revised LGIP.

<sup>5</sup> XES requests waiver of Section 385.203(b)(3) of the Commission's regulations to permit the designation of more than two persons upon whom service is to be made in this proceeding. 18 C.F.R. § 385.203(b)(3) (2018).

<sup>6</sup> Order No. 845, 163 FERC ¶61.043 at P 305 n.567.A

## CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Stephanie Mayers, hereby certify that I have this day served a notice of the enclosed filing via electronic mail on each party designated on the official Service List.

Dated at Minneapolis, Minnesota this 13th day of February 2024

*/s/ Stephanie Mayers*

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# **Interconnection Study Metrics Processing Time Exceedance Report Q4 2023**

February 13, 2024

## **Section 1**

### **Metrics Report Requirements**

Section 3.5.3 of Attachment N of Xcel Energy Operating Companies (“Xcel Energy”) Open Access Transmission Tariff (“OATT”) requires Public Service Company of Colorado (“PSCo”) to comply with specific reporting requirements when Interconnection Study timelines exceed 25% for two consecutive quarters.

Specifically, PSCo must submit a report to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (“the Commission”) describing the reason for each study pursuant to an Interconnection Request that exceeded its deadline (i.e., 90 days, 150 days, 90 days) for completion (excluding any allowance for Reasonable Efforts). In addition, PSCo must describe any steps taken to remedy these specific issues and, if applicable, prevent such delays in the future. The report must be filed at the Commission within 45 days of the end of the calendar quarter.

## **Section 2**

### **Study Timeline Metrics Summary**

The Commission approved enhancements to PSCo’s Large Generator Interconnection Process (LGIP) in Docket No. ER23-629, effective June 3, 2023. As reflected in the OATT Attachment N Metrics document per Section 3.5.1 of the OATT which is posted on the PSCo OASIS OATI webpage, no Definitive Interconnection Studies or Interconnection Facilities Studies were conducted during Q4 2023. PSCo is currently working through the Transitional Cluster Study per Section 5 of the revised LGIP.

## **Section 3**

### **Steps to Remedy Issues and Prevent Future Delays**

Going forward, PSCo will implement the new LGIP which was designed to reduce interconnection study delays associated with restudies triggered by queue withdrawals.