

Providing Public Comment to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission

Instructions for submitting public comment related to grid- and service-level constraints

Purpose

Denver regularly engages with builders, developers, and customers who are seeking electric service connection or upgraded service to support electrification. Unfortunately, the City regularly hears that these projects are delayed or prevented due to distribution- and/or service-level equipment having insufficient capacity. The purpose of this document is to provide instructions to submit public comment on this topic to the Colorado Public Utilities Commission, which will help inform future policy and process changes to alleviate these issues.

Background

In 2023, the General Assembly passed Senate Bill 23-291, which directed the Colorado Public Utilities Commission to conduct a study investigating whether utility tariffs, policies, and practices pose a barrier to the beneficial electrification of transportation and buildings and the offsetting of that energy use with distributed energy resources. The Commission opened Proceeding No. 23M-0464EG to begin to explore these topics, and the Commission is soliciting public comment on these issues.

Process to Submit Public Comment

You can submit comments to the Commission either in written form or by phone (and in another language if needed):

- Written comments can be submitted through the Commission’s website at <https://puc.colorado.gov/> by clicking on the “FILE A COMMENT OR COMPLAINT” link. Once you have selected “FILE A COMMENT OR COMPLAINT,” use the following selections in the Google Form:
 - Select “expressing an OPINION through a Public Comment.”
 - Select “Electric” as the industry that you are expressing an opinion about.
 - Follow the link provided.
 - Select “Rulemaking and Investigations Initiated by Colorado Public Utilities Commission” when prompted to select a company.
 - Select “23M-0464EG - Commission Proceeding to implement certain provisions in Senate Bill (SB) 23-291 related to customer connections to and disconnections from investor-owned electric and gas utility systems.”
 - Fill out the form and provide written comments.

- Verbal comments can be provided by leaving a voice mail message at (303) 869-3490. Voice mail public comments will be placed in the record of this Proceeding and should include a reference to Proceeding number, 23M-0464EG.