

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23AL-0446E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1930 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO REVISE THE ELECTRIC COMMODITY ADJUSTMENT FACTOR APPLICABLE TO ALL ELECTRIC BASE RATES SCHEDULES, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2023.

**INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING
REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE**

Mailed Date: September 15, 2023
Adopted Date: September 13, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On September 1, 2023, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed a Motion for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 1930-Electric – Amended and tariff filing to revise its Electric Commodity Adjustment (ECA) to implement a revision in the ECA proposed to be effective October 1, 2023.

2. Public Service states that with this filing the Company is decreasing the ECA by \$3,821,542 in revenues for the period of October through December 2023 from the ECA rates currently in effect. Additionally, the Company is requesting tariff changes to ECA Tariff Sheet Nos. 143D and 143E to modify the ECA to reflect the Medical Exemption Program changing from a summer season program to an annual program and allowing the recovery of the lost revenues

associated with the year-round Medical Exemption Program to be recovered in the ECA across the entire year. Public Service states the Commission approved these changes in Advice No. 1928 to modify the Medical Exemption Program effective September 1, 2023, to go into effect by operation of law as part of the August 30, 2023 Commissioners' Weekly Meeting.

3. Public Service moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and Rule 1207(b), 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* (CCR) 723-1 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, to provide alternative forms of notice for the Company's filing to its customers. Public Service requests Commission approval to use the following forms of notice:

- Posting the legal notice on the Company's public website and keeping the filing open for public inspection pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S.;
- Publishing a rate trend report on the Company's website for public inspection pursuant to § 40-3-102.5(2), C.R.S., and Decision No. C23-0538 in Proceeding No. 23R-0408EG adopting temporary rules in response to Senate Bill 23-291; and
- Publishing a legal notice, in the form attached to Advice No. 1930-Electric as Exhibit 16, in *The Denver Post*, for two consecutive weeks during the first twenty days of the thirty-day period prior to the effective date of the proposed tariff revisions, consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(A), C.R.S.

4. Public Service maintains that good cause exists for the Commission to approve the proposed alternative forms of notice, and that it will avoid incurring the expenses that is entailed in other forms of statutory notice. The Company concludes the proposed alternative forms of notice will be sufficient to alert affected and interested parties to the rate changes the Company is proposing, including by providing notice of the estimated impact on average Residential and Commercial customers.

5. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 CCR 723-1-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to provide alternative forms of notice of a rate change. We find the alternative forms of notice the Company proposes in the

Motion will provide sufficient notice to its customers and will do so efficiently. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative forms of notice that the Company requests.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The Motion for Commission Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice, filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on September 1, 2023, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

B. **ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING September 13, 2023.**

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