

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 19AL-0612E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE NO. 1807 – ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS PURCHASED CAPACITY COST ADJUSTMENT EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2020.

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

Mailed Date: November 25, 2019

Adopted Date: November 6, 2019

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On November 1, 2019, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or the Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 1807-Electric, also filed on November 1, 2019. By Advice Letter No. 1807-Electric, the Company seeks to revise the Purchased Capacity Cost Adjustment (PCCA) in its Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 – Electric tariff to be effective January 1, 2020. The Company states that the PCCA is designed to collect the projected 2020 purchase capacity costs, as adjusted by the PCCA deferred balance as of September 30, 2019.

2. By its Motion, in addition to posting the proposed tariff changes on its website consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S., Public Service seeks approval to use the following alternative form of notice for the tariff changes:

(a) filing the changes with the Commission, and keeping the filing open for public inspection;

(b) publishing a legal notice (attached to the Motion as Attachment 1) in *The Denver Post*, within three days of the tariff filing; and

(c) providing electronic service of the tariff filing on all parties to Proceeding No. 06S-234EG, the case in which the current PCCA was initially approved.

3. Public Service states that the proposed forms of notice will be less costly than notice forms prescribed by statute. The Company believes in this case, a bill onsert/insert, email, or text is not cost effective due to the number of customers affected. Additionally, to explain why it is not providing notice through email or text message, Public Service states that it uses emails for energy efficiency marketing, pre-outage communications, and significant filings such as rate review filings, and that it uses text messages primarily for outage and restoration information. Public Service states that e-mailing or text messaging customers for all filings could cause customer confusion, that there is a concern that frequent noticing or regulatory messages through e-mails or texts will cause customers to unsubscribe or opt out from receiving e-mails or texts, and that customers authorize Public Service to use their email and cell phone numbers for limited purposes, not general use.

4. Public Service states that the requested form of notice is the most expeditious and economic means of providing notice of the proposed tariff provisions. Public Service states that for all the reasons set forth in its Motion, there is good cause to grant the requested alternative form of notice.

5. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., and 4 *Code of Colorado Regulations* 723-1-1207(b) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, a utility may request to provide an alternative form of notice of proposed tariff changes. We find the alternative form of notice proposed by Public Service in its Motion to apply to Advice Letter No. 1807 – Electric is reasonable with respect to the Company's stakeholders and its general body of electric

ratepayers. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative form of notice requested by Public Service.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

1. The request for alternative form of notice to apply to Advice Letter No. 1807 – Electric proposed in the Motion for Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on November 1, 2019, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS’ WEEKLY MEETING
November 6, 2019.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

Doug Dean,
Director

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