Decision No. C21-0275-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 21AL-0159E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1854 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 ELECTRIC TARIFF TO REVISE ITS REVENUE DECOUPLING ADJUSTMENT PILOT TARIFF ("RDA PILOT TARIFF") TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2021.

INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE

Mailed Date: May 5, 2021 Adopted Date: April 28, 2021

I. <u>BY THE COMMISSION</u>

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

- 1. On April 20, 2021, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed this Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice (Motion). By Advice Letter No. 1854-Electric, also filed on April 20, 2021, the Company filed its tariff filing to revise the Revenue Decoupling Adjustment (RDA) Pilot Tariff in its Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 Electric Tariff and place into effect updated RDA rates for Residential and Small Commercial customers, effective June 1, 2021.
- 2. Public Service now moves pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(E), C.R.S., to provide alternative forms of notice of the tariff. In addition to posting the customer notice on its website as mandated by § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S., Public Service is seeking Commission approval to use the following alternative forms of notice:
 - Publishing a legal notice, attached to the Motion as Exhibit 1, in *The Denver Post*, on one weekday for two consecutive weeks;
 - Posting a copy of the RDA filing package on the Company's website;

- Providing a bill onsert, attached to the Motion as Exhibit 2, to Residential and Small Commercial customers and emailing the bill onsert to Online View and Pay customers; and
- Emailing a link to the RDA filing to all intervenors in Proceeding No. 19AL-0268E (Public Service's 2019 Phase 1 Electric Rate Case proceeding).
- 3. Public Service maintains good cause exists for the Commission to approve the alternative form of notice. The Company represents that the alternative forms of notice listed above will provide direct notice to all Residential and Small Commercial customers, as well as parties who participated in the Company's 2019 Electric Rate Case, and that the newspaper notices will provide the general public with the necessary information about the tariff filing. The Company concludes that the proposed alternative notice is sufficient to alert affected and interested parties of the changes that the Company is proposing by its Advice Letter in a timely fashion, and in a manner that is less costly than the approaches outlined in the statute.
- 4. 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 that the alternative forms of notice Public Service proposes in its Motion will provide sufficient notice to Public Service's customers and will do so efficiently. We therefore find good cause to approve the alternative forms of notice Public Service requests.

II. ORDER

A. It Is Ordered That:

- 1. The Motion for Approval of Alternative Form of Notice filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on April 20, 2021, is granted.
 - 2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING April 28, 2021.

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