Decision No. C23-0695-I

#### BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

#### PROCEEDING NO. 23AL-0492E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1934 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO INCREASE THE TRANSPORTATION ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAMS ADJUSTMENT (TEPA), TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.

# INTERIM COMMISSION DECISION GRANTING REQUEST FOR ALTERNATIVE FORM OF NOTICE

Mailed Date: October 13, 2023 Adopted Date: October 11, 2023

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

#### A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On October 3, 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. 1934-Electric and tariff filing to revise its Transportation Electrification Programs Adjustment (TEPA) pursuant to the terms and conditions described on Sheet Nos. 146B through 146C of the Company's TEPA tariff in P.U.C. No. 8 – Electric tariff, as approved by the Commission in Decision No. C21-0017 in Proceeding No. 20A-0204E.

2. Public Service states that Decision No. C21-0017 directs the Company to make an annual Advice Letter filing on October 1 to update the rates reflected in the TEPA rider based on the Transportation Electrification Plan (TEP) revenue requirement for the following year. Public Service states it makes this filing in compliance with Decision No. C21-0017.

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) 7231 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:

- Publishing the legal notice, included as Exhibit 1 to the Motion, in *The Denver Post*, on a weekday for two consecutive weeks in October 2023;
- Providing a customer bill onsert, included as Exhibit 1, to Public Service's electric customers with all mailed and e-billed customer bills, which are expected to be mailed or e-billed, as applicable, during a regular billing cycle over the course of approximately five (5) weeks;
- Providing e-mail notification with a link to the bill onsert to Online View and Pay customers; and
- Posting a copy of the legal notice on its website.

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.

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# 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 October 3, 2023, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

# B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING October 11, 2023.



ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

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