

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 22AL-0530E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1906 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO PUC NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO INCREASE BASE RATE REVENUES, IMPLEMENT NEW BASE RATES FOR ALL ELECTRIC RATE SCHEDULES, AND MAKE OTHER TARIFF CHANGES, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 31, 2022.

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

Mailed Date: December 12, 2022

Adopted Date: December 7, 2022

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On November 30, 2022, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed a Motion for Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 1906 – Electric, which is a Phase I rate case filing to revise rates for all electric services and to make additional tariff changes in the Company's Colorado P.U.C. No. 8 – Electric tariff as explained in more detail therein and as supported by the Company's Direct Testimony and attachments filed concurrently therewith (2022 Electric Phase I Rate Case).

2. Public Service states that, on November 30, 2022, the Company filed its 2022 Electric Phase I Rate Case. Pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(a), C.R.S., Public Service has assumed a December 31, 2022 effective date for rates and tariff changes. However, the Company expects

the Commission will set the matter for hearing and suspend the effective date of the tariffs, which would result in an effective date of September 7, 2023, after suspension.

3. Public Service states that, based on the Company's anticipation that the Commission will set the matter for hearing and suspend the effective date of the tariffs pursuant to § 40-6-111(1), C.R.S., through the Motion, the Company seeks authority to provide alternative forms of notice of the 2022 Electric Rate Case to its retail electric customers. Public Service states the forms of notice for which it seeks approval have been designed to (a) provide a means for the vast majority of the Company's customers to obtain notice of the filing within 20 days of the filing; and (b) provide actual notice of the filing to customers in advance of the intervention deadline.

4. 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:

- Publishing a legal notice, in the form attached hereto as Attachment A, in *The Denver Post*, for two consecutive Sundays, consistent with § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I)(A), C.R.S.
- Posting a copy of the 2022 Electric Rate Case filing (Advice Letter, tariffs, non-confidential testimony, and attachments) on the Company's website
- Providing the customer bill insert (Attachment B to the Motion) to Public Service's retail 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 weeks commencing approximately two weeks after this filing
- Providing an email within the first 20 days of the 30-day noticing period to all retail electric customers for whom the Company has an email address and who have

elected to receive email notifications from the Company, in the form shown as Attachment C to the Motion

- Providing email notification with a link to the bill onsert to Online View and Pay customers

5. 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 tariff changes the Company is proposing, including by providing notice of the estimated impact on average electric customers.

6. 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 tariff 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 Approval of Alternative Forms of Notice, filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on November 30, 2022, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective on its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
December 7, 2022.**

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ATTEST: A TRUE COPY

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "G. Harris Adams".

G. Harris Adams,
Interim Director

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