

Decision No. C23-0535-I

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

PROCEEDING NO. 23AL-0393E

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 1928 - ELECTRIC FILED BY PUBLIC SERVICE COMPANY OF COLORADO TO REVISE ITS COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 8 - ELECTRIC TARIFF TO MODIFY THE MEDICAL EXEMPTION PROGRAM (MEP) FOR ELECTRIC RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS IN ORDER TO ENHANCE THE SUPPORT PROVIDED TO QUALIFYING CUSTOMERS IN LIGHT OF THE ONGOING TRANSITION TO TIME-VARYING ENERGY RATES, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2023.

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

Mailed Date: August 10, 2023
Adopted Date: August 9, 2023

I. BY THE COMMISSION

A. Statement, Findings, and Conclusions

1. On July 31, 2023, Public Service Company of Colorado (Public Service or Company) filed a Motion for Approval of an Alternative Form of Notice (Motion) to apply to the Company's Advice Letter No. 1928 – Electric, through which the Company seeks to modify its Medical Exemption Program (MEP) and to revise its applicable tariffs to implement the revisions to the MEP, to be effective September 1, 2023.

2. Public Service represents that the effect of the filing and proposed changes is to increase MEP costs from roughly \$60,000 level currently to roughly \$300,000 a year. The Company's filings further state that, if approved, the MEP costs will continue to be socialized across all customers through the Electric Commodity Adjustment and other rate riders, with the expected impact on average Residential electric bills at less than 0.01 percent, in addition to stating

that the MEP is designed to be revenue neutral and that it will neither increase nor decrease the Company's revenues.

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 pursuant to § 40-3-104(1)(c)(I), C.R.S.;
- Posting the public filing materials on the Company's website within the first week of filing; and
- Publishing the legal notice in *The Denver Post* for one weekday 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 this will avoid incurring the expenses associated with 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 changes the Company is proposing. The Company also states that it has been working collaboratively with several stakeholders regarding revisions proposed in Advice Letter No. 1928 - Electric, and that these stakeholders are aware of this filing.

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 tariff change. We find the alternative forms of notice the Company proposes in the Motion will provide sufficient notice in an efficient manner. 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 an Alternative Form of Notice, filed by Public Service Company of Colorado on July 31, 2023, is granted.

2. This Decision is effective upon its Mailed Date.

**B. ADOPTED IN COMMISSIONERS' WEEKLY MEETING
August 9, 2023.**

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